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CONTESTS OF CANDIDATES

SENATOR LOGAN DECLARES HIMSELF A GRANT MAN.

A STALWART LETTER ON THE PRESIDENTIAL QUESTION—STRONG REASONS WHY GEN. GRANT SHOULD BE NOMINATED—GEN. LOGAN NOT A "DARK HORSE."

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A gentleman residing in Chicago has just received a long letter from Senator John A. Logan, in which the question of the Presidency is pretty freely discussed, at least so far as it bears upon his preference for Grant. Mr. Logan declares himself to be decidedly in favor of Grant; thinks the cry against a third term is without reason; believes Grant's experience and observations since the expiration of his last term qualify him to fill a third term better than he filled his first and second terms, and then continues in the following strain: "There are reasons of much greater weight that control my action. I am not in the habit of sounding an alarm when there is no danger ahead, but there is great danger to be apprehended to our country in the near future. The evidence of this has been accumulating for some time, and thoughtful people must have observed it. The questions that have and will again affect the peace and good order of our people are not settled. Very much depends upon our next election. We ought to carry it, if we can, by any honest ballot. We want for our candidate an honest man. We want him a true man; we want him a tried man. Who is there that will fill this measure better than Grant? He is a safe man, and all can trust him. He is no schemer. He is a straightforward man, who wants proper laws, and if President we know he will execute them. His election, if nominated, in my judgment becomes a certainty. This, we who are Republicans, ought to desire." Gen. Logan says he does not credit the reported opposition of German Republicans to Grant, one reason being that he deems Germans "a patriotic and sensible portion of the people." He expresses the opinion, based, as he says, upon "reliable information," that Grant would carry several Southern States, which he thinks no other Republican could do.

Replying to charges which have been made relative to his endeavor to control this State through political trickery, Gen. Logan says: "I have been pained to see that I am persistently misrepresented by some of the newspapers in reference to this question. It is represented that I am trying to force a nomination on the people of our State distasteful to them. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is not a man in Illinois who will say that I have ever tried to influence him against his preference on this Presidential question. Can any one truthfully say that I ever engaged in packing a convention, or assisting to do it, either State, city, or county, in my life? The object of this is perfectly apparent. Enemies of Grant think that if they can create a prejudice against me in this convention, and turn the fight on me instead of Grant, their design will not be so easily seen. The same kind of warfare has been made on me before, by constantly starting some story about what I was attempting, and then making a fight against it, as though it was a reality. This is a most despicable mode of warfare. The people of Illinois know that it is not necessary for them to make a declaration of independence against me, to prove that they are independent of me, for the reason that I have not in any form, at any time, assumed to dictate to them, either in or out of conventions."

Passing on to the "dark horse" assumption, Gen. Logan feels constrained to say, relative to his reported aspirations toward the Presidency: "It is asserted that I am trying to play the part of the dark horse in this contest. Unless this grew out of the fact of my dark complexion there is no foundation for it. If any friend of mine thinks that I am engaged in any such business, or that I am looking to any such result, he may at once dismiss it from his mind, and know I never play hide and seek in politics. When I wish to be a candidate I say so, and make a square and honorable fight for the prize. I am not, in this contest, playing any game, and have no dark horse or second choice. I never have second choices. The man that I am for is my choice always, unless defeated; then the choice made by my friends becomes my choice. No man ever played himself as dark horse, as that term is used, when professing to be for another person, that ever played fair. I am for Gen. Grant in good faith, for the reasons assigned, and others that might be added. I have not changed my opinions on this subject since I came to the conclusion that he was the man for the Republicans to unite on for success. My convictions are sincere, that his nomination and election, which would certainly follow, would be the best thing for our party and our country. That being the case, why should I not be earnestly for my old commander, to whom I have looked for instruction on many a bloody field. We need Grant. He is honest, true, faithful, and thoroughly competent, with a will and courage to do right in the crisis through which our country is now passing. He is a citizen of our own State, having done it great honor and credit. No State ranks higher in her devotion to our Union. None made a grander record during our recent war. Grant was our head and front as leader of our armies, and now, as a citizen of Illinois, I feel that I am doing honor to myself when I support him as a citizen of my own native State."

CONNECTICUT PREFERENCES.

GRANT WITH MORE FRIENDS AMONG THE LEGISLATORS THAN ANY OTHER CANDIDATE.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 19.—A political canvass of the members of the Legislature has been made during the past two days, to ascertain preferences on the Presidency. In the Senate there are 16 Republicans to 5 Democrats, and the latter, with one exception, say they are for the man who can win; the odd one is for Tilden. One Republican Senator is sick, and the other 15 divide as follows: For first choice—Grant, 6; Edmunds and Washburne, 3 each; Blaine, 2; Garfield, 1. Three each are for Sherman and Blaine as second choice. The House members are slower about expressing themselves. Fifty per cent of the Republicans are for Grant, either first or second choice. The next favorite is Blaine, though only by a comparatively small margin as against Sherman. Washburne and Edmunds average about the same strength. There is a very light feeling for Hayes, and a slight expression for Garfield. Outside of Grant, Blaine and Sherman there is a preference expressed for Hawley, who is named as the first choice of many. There is this peculiarity about the canvass, that many of the Grant men say that those who favor Blaine do not represent their constituents, while the Blaine men assert that there is a strong popular feeling against Grant. Yet the returns show an apparent inconsistency in this, that a good proportion of those who favor Blaine name Grant as second choice, and some of the Grant men favor Blaine second. The Democrats divide up between Bayard, Tilden, and Hancock; with a little diversion in favor of ex-Gov. Hubbard and Hendricks. The feeling of the Republicans is, that at the State Convention, to be held early in April, the party should send delegates who will be a unit in their action for what seems to be the best good of the party and country, regardless of personal and sectional feelings, and that the delegates should hold themselves as well together that they may make useful combinations in the right direction.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The advance guard of a delegation of Chicago Democrats who are coming to Washington for the purpose of inducing the National Committee to hold the convention in their city, arrived to-night, and the remainder will arrive on Saturday. Those already here are Messrs. Kerfoot, Winston, and Harrington. It has been discovered by some interested that Speaker Randall, who is regarded as Tilden's representative, favors the selection of Chicago, and this influence W. H. Barnum, of the National Committee, agrees with him in this matter. On the other hand, Mr. Bayard prefers Washington, and the movement for the selection of this city is by no means an insignificant one. Senator David Davis naturally prefers Chicago. It is believed that Mr. Hendricks and Senator Thurman have combined their forces in favor of the choice of Cincinnati.

SHERMAN'S OHIO OPPONENTS.

A GREAT GATHERING OF THE BLAINE MEN—WHAT THIS EXPRESSION OF FEELING MEANS.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 19.—The meeting held at the City Hall to-night, in the interest of Senator Blaine, assumed large proportions, when outside attractions are considered. The body of the hall was filled, there not being less than 1,500 voters present. In many respects the meeting was an extraordinary one, consisting, as it did, of many prominent members of the party from various portions of the State, there being not less than 60 counties represented, although the opening meeting to-night was intended to be merely local. In enthusiasm, no political gathering for years has been more pronounced, while the name of Blaine brought forth spontaneous applause. Among the speakers, of whom there were about 15, was the Hon. J. F. Mack, of the Sandusky *Register*. Mr. Mack, with wit and great sarcasm, referred to the Sherman meeting one week ago, and the heavy actor in the play, Gov. Foster. "Imagine my surprise," said Mr. Mack, "when I read the speech of Charley Foster, in which he sought to tell the Republicans of Ohio their duty, and that was to stand by John Sherman. I remember what Charley Foster told me at Cincinnati, and that was to stand by Jim Blaine; he is the best man in this nation. Now, what does the Governor of Ohio mean by advising the people to aid the nomination of John Sherman! Was he sincere then or is he joking now?"

Gen. Beatty made one of the leading speeches of the evening, in which he reviewed the visit of Mr. Sherman to Louisiana, and his declaration that the Republicans had carried the State. The people believed John Sherman told the truth; and yet, after Hayes was inaugurated and the Republican Party of the South betrayed, did John Sherman ever raise his voice or protest? Not once. "Let me put the question," said Gen. Beatty: "Is he the man to bestow new honors upon?" The meeting throughout was earnest. Reports from Mahoning, Cuyahoga, Miami, and other counties, showing a thorough organization of Blaine Clubs throughout the State, were read. The leading Sherman men, who have cautiously watched the growth of Blaine organizations, and have canvassed the matter thoroughly, are now more than ever convinced that the probability of the Secretary's having his own State delegation at Chicago, is doubtful in the extreme, and growing less every day. The meeting to-night was much larger and more enthusiastic than the Sherman meeting one week ago.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 19.—Viewed in the light of Northern Ohio Republican sentiment, the Blaine demonstration in Columbus to-night was a direct notice to Secretary Sherman that this State would send to Chicago an unpledged and uninstructed delegation, and that all the drumming and enrolling done by his newly-constituted Committee of Management will in no sense take the bluntness from that positive fact. If Mr. Sherman should be nominated, says the logic of to-night's meeting, it will not carry not be at the hands of his native State, but in direct opposition to the influence of that State. The dislike to Mr. Sherman, and the weakness of his hold on public affection, has long been suspected by those who viewed the situation with the coolest and clearest judgment, but the active opposition that has so suddenly developed is a surprise to all. It must be borne in mind, in reference to this state of affairs, that this is really the first time that Mr. Sherman has been placed directly at the bar of public feeling, to be tried on his merits as a strong and popular man. His election to Congress was the choice of a new man in a narrow district; his promotion to the Senate, with the re-election thereto, was a matter in the hands of a few politicians, and his subsequent admission to the Cabinet was by the grace and favor of one man. The people have heretofore had no chance to speak in their collective capacity, and had they spoken a few years ago, the country would have discovered before now that while a prominent public officer may be strong with the politicians because of the loaves and fishes he is able to furnish, he may have no hold whatever on the constituents those politicians represent.

The Blaine movement, as seen by to-night's light, has gained perceptible force through the mere weakness of the Sherman attempt of last week, and its growth in the future can be counted as a matter of moral certainty. There is a dash and vim about Gen. Beatty and his followers that ex-Gov. Dennison and his assistant Sherman managers do not possess, and an element of that sort tells wonderfully in Ohio. It was what made Charles Foster Governor of Ohio, and the lack of which has stranded Judge Taft so often when the floods to success ran below him in another channel. The Ohio Blaine men, in short, are like Senator Blaine, while the Sherman men feel and deepen the cool shadow of their Arctic candidate. If the fight finally falls to a personal contest between these two men, there will be little difficulty in foreshadowing the result, so far as the popular feeling of Ohio is concerned. How much Gen. Grant may disturb the fast-settling lines of contest remains to be yet determined, but at present the fight is on Sherman and Blaine. That the Grant men may, for the time, be helping the latter in order to kill Sherman without receiving any scars on account of their own candidate, may be among the possibilities, and is one of those deep political problems that time alone can solve.

DELEGATES AND THEIR WISHES.

RENSSELAER, BROOME, AND CLINTON FAVORING GRANT—BLAINE WANTED IN ST. LAWRENCE—MANY UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATIONS.

TROY, Feb. 19.—The following delegates to the State Convention were elected by the Republicans of the Third Assembly District of Rensselaer County yesterday afternoon: James Smyth, Jr., W. F. Taylor, and Thomas B. Simmons. The District Convention adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegates chosen at this convention are requested to vote for delegates to the Chicago Convention who will be pledged to vote for Gen. Grant.

The Second District Convention, to-day, adopted a similar resolution, and chose Grant delegates.

BINGHAMTON, Feb. 19.—The Republicans of Broome County to-day elected the following delegates to the State Convention: E. G. Halbert, C. W. Sears, W. L. Ford, George W. Stoddard, and S. A. Keller. They are uninstructed, but are supposed to favor the nomination of Gen. Grant.

CANTON, Feb. 19.—The Republicans of the Second Assembly District of St. Lawrence County held their convention to-day. A resolution indorsing Blaine was passed unanimously. The Hon. A. B. Hepburn, from the committee, reported a delegation headed by the Hon. L. W. Russell. An amendment recommending another delegation was presented. The delegation headed by Judge Russell was chosen by a majority of three. Judge Russell headed the delegation to Saratoga last Fall. The delegates chosen are as follows: Leslie W. Russell, J. M. Palmer, George G. Simons, and George A. Merritt.

FLEETBURG, Feb. 19.—In the Republican Convention here to-day for Clinton County the following delegates to Utica were elected: Andrews Williams, Benjamin E. Wells, Everett C. Baker, and A. B. Wood. The delegation is uninstructed. It is generally conceded, however, that three of the members are for Grant and one for Blaine.

RIVERHEAD, Long Island, Feb. 19.—The Republicans of Suffolk County to-day elected the following delegates to the State Convention: Samuel Dickerson, John S. Matty, George F. Carman, and E. C. Ackerly. Anti-Grant resolutions were adopted by a vote of 28 to 26.

JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 19.—The Republican Convention for Fulton and Hamilton Counties was held to-day, and the following delegates to Utica were elected: The Hon. John Stewart, James C. Livingston, Frederick M. Young, and Robert Humphry. The delegates are uninstructed, but are understood to be for Blaine.

CARMEL, Feb. 19.—The Putnam County Republicans to-day elected the following delegates to the State Convention: Assemblyman George McCabe and Col. Stephen Baker. The convention gave no instructions.

DELHI, Feb. 19.—The delegates to the Republican State Convention from Delaware County are Ferris Jacobs, Jr., Edgar B. Owen, William F. White, and John Bell. They are unpledged.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The Republicans of the First District of Dutchess County to-day appointed George W. Ketcham, J. Wesley Stark, A. A. Brush, and W. H. Mase as delegates to the State Convention, without instructions.

BALLSTON, Feb. 19.—The following delegates to the Utica Convention were elected to-day by the Republicans of the Second Assembly District of Saratoga County: George D. Story, John H. Westcott, and H. L. Gross.

SCHOHARIE, Feb. 19.—J. M. Handy, Henry Getter, and M. S. Wilcox have been chosen by the Republicans of Schoharie County as delegates to the State Convention.

MALONE, Feb. 19.—Franklin County sends the following delegates to the Republican State Convention: F. J. Seaver, F. W. Lawrence, and J. B. Hayes.

NOMINATING CITY DELEGATES.

THE ELEVENTH DISTRICT UNPLEDGED—THE TENTH FOR GRANT.

The Eleventh Assembly District Republican Association met last night at No. 19 West Twenty-eighth-street, Col. S. V. R. Cruger, First Vice-President, in the chair. About 20 new members were elected, and, after the transaction of some routine business, a caucus was organized to nominate delegates and alternates to the State Convention, to be voted for at the primary to-night. After a brief conference, the following gentlemen were nominated: Delegates—John C. Connor, Jr., J. W. Hawes, S. V. R. Cruger; alternates—R. Ray Hamilton, Henry E. Cleveland, Edward S. Flow. No resolutions of any kind were offered in caucus in regard to the choice of the delegates, and the delegates claim to be entirely uninstructed as to how they will vote. Mr. Hawes said he had not exchanged a word with his colleagues, and could not tell whether they favored Grant, Blaine, or Sherman.

The Republican Association of the Tenth Assembly District met last evening in Concordia Hall, Nos. 28 and 29 Second-avenue. The usual routine business being quickly disposed of, the selection of candidates to be voted for at the primary meeting to be held this evening as delegates to the State Convention, to meet in Utica, on Feb. 26, was at once entered upon, and the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen: Delegates—Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., Ferdinand Eidman, Ferdinand Erhart; alternates—Ferdinand Dreyer, John Baier, Otto Baum. Mr. Patterson then delivered a speech in which he supported the candidacy of Gen. Grant, first, last, and every time. No other man, he considered, filled the popular heart in the same fashion as did that illustrious soldier, whom Emperors and Princes had been proud to honor. Nominated, he would be elected, and elected, he was just the man to see that he was not kept out of the office by the rebel element that still was loud and rampant in the country. Mr. William Duncan followed in Mr. Patterson's footsteps, and declared himself as warmly in support of Gen. Grant. In the opinion of both speakers, it was false to say that the nomination of Gen. Grant was not popular with the German people. No matter what this journal or that journal might say, he was now, as always, the choice of the German Republicans, and they would prove it, according to their wont, at the polls. The following preamble and resolutions were then offered and carried unanimously:

Whereas, The Senator of the Seventh District, in an interview with a reporter in Albany, on the 20th of January last, was outspoken in his support of Gen. Grant,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Republicans of the Tenth Assembly District are hereby tendered to the Hon. Ferdinand Eidman for his prompt and manly announcement that Gen. Grant is his choice for President, and that in making such an announcement he fully represents the sentiments of the district, (almost wholly German.)

Resolved, That the delegates from this district to the State Convention to be held in Utica on the 25th inst., are requested to vote for representatives to the National Republican Convention, to be held in Chicago on the 3d of June next, who will favor the nomination of Gen. Grant for President of the United States.

The meeting then adjourned.

KINGS COUNTY FOR GRANT.

SHERMAN'S FRIENDS CARRY ONLY TWO DISTRICTS IN BROOKLYN.

The Custom-house and Navy-yard adherents of Mr. Secretary Sherman turned out in force last evening, and, aided by the very few non-office-holders in Brooklyn who are supporters of Mr. Sherman, made a determined effort to carry the primaries held in that city last evening to elect delegates to the Assembly district conventions which meet to-day and to-morrow, and in turn elect delegates to the Utica Convention. A strange rumor, borne out to some extent by the facts, was in circulation for some days back, to the effect that ex-Sheriff Albert Daggett, heretofore a pronounced Grant man, had espoused the cause of Mr. Sherman. Mr. Daggett has obtained from the Government the weighing contract until recently held by Solomon Spitzer, and has thus placed in his gift 1,500 places. The combined efforts of the office-holders had, however, after all but little effect. A large majority of the delegates elected will, in any event, be in favor of Grant, and unless some dickering takes place between the districts, the Sherman men cannot hope to carry more than the First and Second Assembly Districts. The First District, composed of the First and Sixth Wards, has been carried for Sherman by Internal Revenue Collector Rodney, C. Ward, and a number of Custom-house office-holders. The Second Assembly District, composed of the Second and Fourth Wards, has also been carried for Sherman. This result was brought about in like manner by Custom-house and Navy-yard employes, led by Joseph Reeves, a man who went over to the Democrats in 1872, but came back again in after years. The Third District, composed of the Third and Tenth Wards, is solidly for Grant. The Fourth District, composed of the Fifth and Eleventh Wards, is also for Grant. The Sherman men claim to have carried the Fifth Ward, but as the Seventh will have the appointment of the delegates it matters very little how much there is in the claim. In any event there is but a Corporal's guard of Republican voters in the ward. The Twelfth Ward, which forms the Fifth District, is for Grant, but Sherman's friends claim that the delegates are subject to Custom-house influences. The Sixth District, composed of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Wards, is for Grant. The Seventh District is formed of the Sixteenth Ward, and is for Grant. In the Eighth District, composed of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Wards, no signal victory was gained. Charles Goddard, the leader of the Sherman movement in that district was badly defeated. The delegation is solid for Grant. In the Ninth District, composed of the Thirteenth, Nineteenth, and Twentieth Wards, the delegation as it stands is for Grant. Stewart L. Woodford will head the delegation to Utica. The Nineteenth is ex-Sheriff Daggett's ward, and the Thirteenth Ward is controlled by Portwarden William L. Leayycraft, who has been very intimate with Mr. Daggett. No person seems to know the complexion of the Nineteenth Ward delegation, and possibly by Daggett's influence it may be for Sherman. If Leayycraft could dare to make a deal with Daggett, and both could control their delegations, the Twentieth Ward would, of course, be swallowed up. Such a rumor was in circulation, but it is fair both to Mr. Daggett and Mr. Leayycraft to say that it could not be traced to any trustworthy source. The Tenth District, composed of the Eighth, Ninth, and Twenty-second Wards, is overwhelmingly for Grant. The same is true of the Nineteenth District, composed of the Seventh, Twenty-first, and Twenty-fourth Wards. The Twenty-fifth Ward and the county towns will almost certainly be for Grant, but the towns, with the exception of New-Lots, had not been heard from last night. Although the Assembly district conventions to elect delegates to the Utica Convention have not yet been held, the primaries last night absolutely determine the fact that the Kings County delegation, with the possible exception of five or six members, will be for Grant. Following are the delegates elected in each of the wards to the Assembly district conventions:

First Ward—Jonathan Ocden, W. H. Dike, C. Frothingham, C. L. Fancke, Alfred T. White.

Second Ward—James Trundale, John Collins.

Third Ward—Richard Oliver, Thomas W. Wood, Charles Brands, William Bryn, Thomas Campbell.

Fourth Ward—Thomas Foreman, J. W. Bell, Henry Mapes, M. Fennell.

Fifth Ward—H. Donaghy, James Boerson, James Waldron.

Sixth Ward—C. R. Boyer, D. M. Hurley, A. J. Perry, T. R. Gates, C. H. Bechtel.

Seventh Ward—J. M. Goddard, C. W. Wilmott, C. H. Cotten, W. Ray, H. R. Wheeler, E. Kenball, William Julian, J. J. Curtis.

Eighth Ward—Thomas C. Ward, William H. N. Cadman, Richard Gilliard, William L. Drake.

Ninth Ward—Henry Merlanus, Albert Wintemen, W. C. Prime.

Tenth Ward—W. H. Riley, Cliff Anderson, Thomas Bell, William Perry, James Balmer.

Eleventh Ward—J. J. Schlusser, R. Rakestraw, H. B. Adams, George Leffingwell, Thomas Lynch, E. M. Roberts.

Twelfth Ward—William J. Morrison, Patrick Byrne.

Thirteenth Ward—A. E. Hibbs, Charles Dodd, A. M. Avelnus, W. H. Curtis, A. Van Vets, David Hamed, Frank Wendover.

Fourteenth Ward—J. M. Johnson, John Greany, Thomas O'Connor.

Fifteenth Ward—J. C. Johnson, J. C. Cabbie, G. V. Sloan, J. Westervelt, Edwin Northrop, Hubbard Hendrickson.

Sixteenth Ward—Jacob Worth, Andrew Lees, John Reitz, Philip Kreuscher, John A. Lauridon, Henry Goetz, Louis W. Weris, John Ziebert.

Seventeenth Ward—Jacob Eitchy, George Gillilly, A. N. Childs, W. Sutton, W. R. Giles.

Eighteenth Ward—T. F. Williams, H. McKinley, E. B. Doty, W. Hodgets, G. Leibrich.

Nineteenth Ward—W. R. Pettigrew, L. E. Stegman, M. Frank, W. C. Carrick, J. W. Jones, Robert Miller, E. A. Walter.

Twentieth Ward—R. S. Roberts, B. G. Neff, L. A. Meyers, Thomas J. Hughes, O. E. Houghton, G. R. Elmore, Egbert B. Goldsmith, Robert J. Ross.

Twenty-first Ward—John M. Phelps, George Ruller, E. A. Kriter, Frederick Hanck, William H. Perigo, Hamilton T. Disbrow, and Thomas B. Darrell.

Twenty-second Ward—P. M. Watt, D. W. Browne, John Buchanan, Ralolf Van Brunt, J. S. Carry, and William H. Benson.

Twenty-third Ward—H. M. Smith, P. C. Geesing, Horace Graves, R. P. A. Webster, E. D. Proper.

Twenty-fourth Ward—E. A. Doty, J. O. Watkins, E. L. Morrison.

Twenty-fifth Ward—W. G. Abbott, Peter Shute, H. C. Dormady, John A. Edwards, Jesse B. Lung.

New-Lots—Ditmas Jewell, Henry Miller, Stephen Meserole.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATION.

THE NOMINATION OF EX-GOV. PARKER—ASKING THE IMPEACHMENT OF THE CHANCERY CLERK.

TRENTON, Feb. 19.—The failure of the Senate to act on Joel Parker's name when it confirmed the nomination of Judge Depue, on Wednesday, has caused much comment. Yesterday it was said that some of the Republican Senators who are on terms of intimacy with the Governor had advised him to withdraw the ex-Governor's name or it would be rejected. As the Governor is no more anxious to spread the Parker boom than the Republicans are themselves, it is probable that the name will be withdrawn.

Counselor S. B. Ransom has placed in the hands of Assemblyman Lawrence, of Hudson, a memorial asking for the impeachment of Henry S. Little, the Clerk of the Court of Chancery, and one of the most prominent Democratic politicians in the State. Mr. Ransom says in the memorial that he has for many years been a practitioner in the Court of Chancery; that between October, 1871, and February, 1874, he transacted business with Little that, at the legal rates, would have entitled Little to claim fees amounting to $582; that Mr. Little rendered a bill amounting to $857 94, and Ransom gave him a check for $651 57 in May, 1875, and a note for $228; that since that time Mr. Ransom has examined Mr. Little's bill, and discovered that many of the items were for services never rendered, and that for the services rendered he had charged much more than the legal fees; that he had charged at the rate of 14 cents per folio for copies of chancery papers in some cases, when by law he was authorized to exact only 8 cents; and in another item he had demanded $35 15 for Clerk's commission on a surplus that had never been paid into the court, and for which Mr. Ransom claims he was entitled to no pay. Attached to the paper are a number of schedules showing, item by item, what Mr. Little was entitled to demand, what he did demand, and the difference. The paper charges, too, that because Mr. Ransom has refused to pay the overcharges, Mr. Little has refused to issue papers to him, or permit him to do business in the Clerk's office, and demands his impeachment for malfeasance and extortion. The paper was offered to Mr. Foote and Mr. McDermott, but each refused to present it. When Mr. Lawrence received it, he showed it to Mr. Vernon, and a self-appointed committee of Assemblymen is now discussing the question whether or not it shall be presented to the House. It was not presented yesterday, nor can it be said that it will be presented at all. Some of the gentlemen who have investigated the matter say there is nothing in it, but are giving it further attention. Both houses adjourned to-day until Monday.

NEWARK, Feb. 19.—Ex-Gov. Joel Parker, in conversation with several of his friends yesterday, said: "I do not want the Judgeship, and I will not take it. Neither will I accept the Governorship again. Should I be nominated by the Democracy of the land for the Presidency, I would not decline that honor, however. I maintain that when a man has been Governor of a State he should never accept an inferior position afterward. New-Jersey has twice appointed me to fill that office, and, therefore, in accordance with my belief, I will not permit myself to take any position, or be a candidate for any office, which ranks lower than that of Governor." It is asserted that the reason the ex-Governor does not decline the nomination for Judge, offered him by Gov. McClellan, as he says he will, is because he desires to learn the status of the Republican members of the Legislature toward him, which will be evinced when they come to vote on his confirmation.

JUDGESHIPS IN VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 19.—The Supreme Court of Virginia to-day delivered its opinion in the case of William Walsh and John E. Broaddus, Deputy Sheriffs of Henrico County, each committed to jail for contempt in refusing to obey the orders of the incumbent, Judge Minor, and Judge-elect Waddell, between whom there is a difference upon the construction of the law as to the time of the expiration of office of the one and the right of the other to assume the judicial functions. They unanimously decide in favor of Judge-elect Waddell's side of the question. This case, having been made up as a test one, the decision virtually settles the disputed right of 75 or 80 of the newly-elected County Judges, elected after Jan. 1 last, to enter upon the duties of office at once.

SALES OF ULSTER COUNTY BONDS

RONDOUT, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The sale of Ulster County bonds at the Court-house in this city was attended largely by capitalists from New-York City, Albany, Ithaca, and elsewhere in the State. County Treasurer Hayes acted as auctioneer. A $1,000 bond, with privilege of $10,000, was started at 1 per cent. Bids of 2, 3, 4, 5, 5½, 5¾ followed; $10,000 worth was sold at 5¾. Then a lot of $3,000 worth was sold at the same price. The third and fourth lots were struck off at 5¾, and the fifth at 5½; the sixth, seventh, and eighth for 5½; tenth, 4⅞; eleventh, 5; twelfth, 5; thirteenth, 5⅛. Single $500 bonds commanded 5 per cent; $1,000 bonds, 5⅜. The bidding throughout was spirited and the average price 105⅜. The tax on the bonds is nominal, there being many holders in Ulster County who have never paid a single cent of taxes on them. Many of the bonds were purchased for savings banks.

NO LONGER MISSING

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—John Allen, Dows & Co.'s Baltimore agent, who disappeared so mysteriously two weeks ago and went to New-Orleans, returned this morning, and was driven immediately to his residence. He refuses absolutely to make any statement. He has not been seen or heard from at Dows & Co.'s office.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

FAILURE OF THE HUDSON ICE CROP.

AN ADVANCE OF 50 PER CENT. IN PRICE EXPECTED—GOING TO MAINE FOR A SUPPLY.

KINGSTON, Feb. 19.—The ice in the Hudson, which was yesterday very generally broken up, is now all on the move. Early last week the large ice companies gave up all hope of obtaining anything like the quantity of ice required to fill the various river houses. The Knickerbocker Company, early in the season, began to harvest in Maine, having, it is learned through one of their agents in this city, secured thorough success in that State. The Mutual Benefit Company on Saturday followed the example of the Knickerbocker, and men and machinery were transferred to Maine, where it is stated they will be able to house a fully supply. The ice harvest in Maine is of excellent quality, averaging 14 inches in thickness, and is of a clear water formation. Other smaller companies left the river, and have been busily engaged in gathering inferior ice on inland ponds. One or two private New-York companies having houses on the river near this place, have gone to Northern New-York, erecting temporary houses there, and proposing to ship when navigation opens, for storing in the regular houses. Investigation shows that all the smaller companies will obtain a supply adequate to meet their own demands. The Knickerbocker Company, in addition to going to Maine, has also invested quite heavily in lakes in this and adjoining States. At Shakers Village, Mass., on the line of the Boston and Albany Railroad, this company has a large force of men at work under Superintendent Samuel Penniman, of this city. Shakers is one of the coldest points in this country, and good ice is being cut there. Several thousand tons have already been housed, and the warm temperature that has prevailed along the Hudson for the past week has not had any effect there. Business brought Mr. Penniman to Kingston a few days ago. "At the beginning of the Winter," said he, "the Knickerbocker Company had 130,000 tons of ice in store, left over from last season. We wanted about 600,000 tons additional, to meet the demands of an ordinary season. The idea is current in New-York and elsewhere that we have enough ice in our houses left over from last Summer to carry us through till next Summer, and there is a general belief that the company has been crying short crop in order to advance its own interests. This is a mistaken opinion." Mr. Penniman furnishes the following data relative to the Hudson River houses, which will show with what success the ice business has been carried on along the river this season: The two Rondout Creek houses will hold 40,000 tons, and between them have less than 1,000 tons in store. The Port Ewen house will hold 45,000 tons, and is about two-thirds filled. The Esopus house will hold 45,000 tons, and is virtually empty. The Rhinebeck house will hold 25,000 tons, and is one-tenth filled. The Washington Point house will hold 50,000 tons, and is one-fifth filled. The Parker house will hold 20,000 tons, and is empty. The two Flatbush houses will hold 70,000 tons, and there is less than 100 tons in store. The Turkey Point house will hold 40,000 tons, and is empty. The High Hook house will hold 20,000 tons, and is empty. The Eavesport house and the Ulster County house will together hold 90,000 tons, and are entirely empty. Heretofore all of these houses have been filled every Winter.

Interviews had with other prominent ice men, show the general opinion to be that the price of ice the coming season will not be as great as has been anticipated, the majority averring that rates will not be more than 50 per cent in advance of last year. None, however, think the advance will be less than 50 per cent. The cost of harvesting and housing ice in Maine is greater than on the Hudson, to say nothing of freight charges for transportation hundreds of miles to market. And, too, the loss by waste in transportation from Maine to New-York will average 25 per cent. These are the facts which will cause high prices this season, for there will be a full crop harvested at the North, and there need be no fear of extortion because of a corner. Business in this city and at other places along the river has been materially injured by the failure of the river crop. Kingston, it is estimated, will lose $100,000 by the non-employment of men who regularly depend upon the ice-harvesting as means of support through the Winter. One day last Winter Cornell & Co. cashed $16,000 worth of ice-tickets; this year they have not altogether cashed as many cents' worth. In many instances no little distress has been caused. Many families who have been looking forward to support by the ice business have come almost to starvation.

A SWINDLER ON HIS TRAVELS.

APPEALING TO THE CHARITABLE ALONG THE HUDSON UNDER VARIOUS GUISES.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A well dressed Englishman, about 30 years of age, is on a swindling tour along the Hudson River. He is a fluent talker, and his victims are principally clergymen and members of the Episcopal Church. At several places he has given the name of Robertson, and at others that of Johnson. A week or so ago he called on the Rev. John W. Buckmaster, Rector of Christ Church, Marlborough, eight miles north of this city. He told a plausible story, and was furnished his supper and a sum of money. He requested Mr. Buckmaster to give him letters of recommendation to other clergymen in the vicinity of Rondout and points above. Mr. Buckmaster refused to do so. During the past few days the Englishman has been exhibiting letters of recommendation, purporting to be signed by the Rector of Christ Church, and other clergymen. The letters are alleged to be forgeries. At many of the villages along the western shore the swindler has represented himself as being a clergyman in poor health, engaged in collecting funds for a Bible society. In one or two places he has stated that he was a merchant who had "seen better days." He claimed to be an authorized collector, and the local letters of introduction, purporting to have been written by the clergy, gave strength to his statements. He has collected a large amount of money. At the present time Robertson, alias Johnsone, is believed to be in the Town of Shawangunk.

COLD WEATHER AND GALES.

NEWPORT, Feb. 19.—Ice is forming rapidly, and the indications are that the thermometer will reach zero before morning. To-night the wind is moving at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

TROY, N. Y., Feb. 19.—The roof the corset manufacturing company's building in West Troy, 50 by 130 feet in size, was torn off this afternoon by the wind, and carried across the street, wrecking a two-story frame building. The loss is $6,000. No one was hurt. A building in First-street, below Madison, in this city, was also unroofed. Many trees were uprooted, and numerous sign-boards destroyed.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—A heavy gale of wind prevailed here this afternoon. Wacey's distillery was unroofed, fences were prostrated, and considerable other damage was done.

RHODE ISLAND PROHIBITIONISTS.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 19.—The Prohibitory State Convention met at the State-house, here, to-day. Charles E. Carpenter, of Providence, presiding. Albert Howard, of East Providence, was nominated for Governor; Thomas M. Seabury, of Newport, for Lieutenant-Governor; Willard Sayles, of Providence, for Attorney-General; J. M. Addeman, for Secretary of State, and Samuel Clark, for General Treasurer, the three last-named persons being the present incumbents.

DENYING CHARGES OF FRAUD.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—The answer of Count Eugene Mikiewicz to the complaint of Castner & Co., of Philadelphia, charging the defendant with obtaining a quantity of coal by false pretenses, has been filed in the City Court. The answer admits that in the early part of November the respondent applied to the complainants for credit on coal to be shipped to Baltimore, and states that, through arrangements made with Benjamin P. Powers, the agent of Castner & Co., in Baltimore, he ordered 500 tons of coal. He denies that a credit was given to him for shipments made to Baltimore and Washington on any other consideration than the credit he had established by his dealings with the complainants and the security given by his wife, to the extent of $3,000, and to the expectation that if Admiral Porter's son became a partner in the firm, the complainants would derive great advantages from a great extension of their business.

RAILROAD METHODS.

ATLANTIC AND CHICAGO EXTENSION—SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATION.

MARION, Ohio, Feb. 19.—J. Condit Smith, of New-York, accompanied by two well-known railway engineers, is in this city inspecting a route for the proposed extension of the Atlantic and Chicago Railroad. Mr. Smith says that the line will start from Marion, passing through Kenton and other cities, and will run direct to Chicago, thereby giving the Atlantic and Great Western an outlet to Chicago, which has been a want long felt by that line. Under the proposed arrangement, the Atlantic and Great Western Company can have the advantage of a continuous line from New-York to Chicago. It was also stated by Mr. Smith that the management of the proposed route would not exactly be connected with the Atlantic and Great Western Company, but would be favorable to, and act in conjunction with, that line. The road will be of the standard gauge, and will be well equipped throughout. Several years ago the subject of this new route was agitated, and surveys were made, and the grading from Marion to Kenton was partially accomplished when the Eastern managers were unable to continue on account of monetary difficulties, and they were forced to abandon operations. The project, however, is again being revived, and will be pushed forward vigorously, and the indications are, at present, that active operations will soon be commenced. The party will proceed along the entire route from this city to Chicago, making careful observations, and select the most advantageous route.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 19.—Both houses of the General Assembly to-day passed the bill to facilitate the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad, which will supply the missing link in connecting Charleston with the Cincinnati Southern Railroad by way of Knoxville. The first section authorizes county subscriptions to the enterprise. In section three, the State agrees to remit all taxes and penalties now due on the road, and all taxes except the School tax, for the next three years, provided the work be begun by Jan. 1, 1881, and be completed in three years. In section 5 the State pledges its faith to remit all State, county, and municipal taxes, except the school tax, for 20 years consecutively, to persons beginning the construction of the road from the present terminus by Jan. 1, 1881, and completing it to Knoxville within three years from that date. Section 6 defines as one of the conditions of the act that the persons accepting the benefits shall build the road from Walhalla, in the direction of Clayton, Ga., and thence to Knoxville, Tenn., and that when completed they shall never disc

amendment, and one changing the salary of the State Engineer from the canal fund to the general fund, the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Immediately after this bill was disposed of, Mr. Skinner introduced a bill fixing the salary of the Superintendent of Insurance at $5,000. He said, in presenting it, that the term of the old Superintendent had expired, and a new one might soon be appointed. The present was a good time in which to pass the reduction bill, and as Mr. Tosier, of Wyoming, objected to permitting the bill to have its third reading, Mr. Skinner gave notice that he should, at a future time, move to suspend the thirty-seventh, fortieth, forty-second, and forty-third rules, in order that the bill might have a third reading without reference to a committee.

The bill introduced by Speaker Sharpe, providing for three additional members of the State Board of Charities, and legislating Dr. Ordronaux out of office as State Commissioner in Lunacy, was reported favorably by the Committee on Charitable and Religious Societies.

The Senate did little beyond routine business to-day. Among the bills passed was one introduced by Judge Robertson, authorizing the Directors of any corporation, by a two-thirds vote, and also by the written consent of the holders of "preferred" stock, to exchange such "preferred" stock for common stock. But in no case shall the total amount of the capital stock be increased by such change.

Oliver Cotter and William H. Mundy had an intemperate wrangle to-day in the Committee on Internal Affairs over the discussion of the Excise bills. Mundy opposed any relaxation of the Laws of 1859, and asked that the laws of evidence should be made more vigorous. Cotter advocated the repeal of the "three-bed" clause, and said the Law and Order Leagues of Brooklyn, including leading ministers, was in favor of a reasonable Excise law. He denounced Mundy, and declared that he was making false pretensions.

In the Railroad Committee of the Assembly, the Five-cent Fare bill was taken up. Senator Astor and Assemblyman Gross spoke in favor of it. Ex-Senator Wagstaff, on behalf of Gen. McCook, who had promised to be present, asked for a postponement until next week. This was opposed by Mr. Skinner and four members of the committee, but five members—Cullen, Tucker, Gillett, and Andrews—voted to postpone. Mr. Tozier and Mr. Cullen expressed themselves as being favorable to the bill, but they were willing to give its opponents every opportunity to be heard.

The Cities Committee of the Assembly heard Dock Commissioner Dimock, who spoke against the Dock Department bill, and Corporation Counsel Whitney and Mr. Southmayd, one against and the other in favor of the West-Street Improvement bill. The committee will go to New-York Thursday night and will sit Friday morning at 10:30, in the Aldermanic chamber, to hear different persons on the questions of Municipal expenses and street-cleaning. It will also hold sessions Saturday and Monday. Among the witnesses who have been summoned are the Police Commissioners, Capt. Williams, Deputy Controller Storrs, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Dock and Pilot Commissioners, and Mayor Cooper.

The Federal Relations Committee postponed action on the Robbin's Reef Island bill for a week.

OUR SAVINGS BANKS.

REPORT ON THEIR EXPENSES COMPARED WITH DEPOSITS.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—Acting Superintendent Henry L. Lamb, of the Banking Department, this morning sent to the Senate the report called for in May, 1879, by the Legislature, on the expenses of savings banks in this State. Part of the report consists of compendious tables of the expenses of savings banks in other States and countries. The following is the report:

THREE REPRESENTATIVE BRITISH SAVINGS BANKS.

	Total Deposits.	Total Number of Depositors.	Cost of Care of each Account.
Liverpool Savings Bank	$2,910,760	$26,491	0.39
Edinburgh Savings Bank	5,670,640	31,114	0.40
Savings Bank of Glasgow	14,700,600	46,455	0.89
Total	$23,281,990	$85,063	0.39 1-3

COMPARATIVE EXPENSES OF SAVINGS BANKS IN 1878 AND 1879.

	Total Amount of Deposits.	Total Number of Depositors.	Cost of Care of Account. 1878.	1879.
Connecticut	$72,516,428 82	199,726	$1.11	$1.03
Massachusetts	202,936,681 18	672,551	80	.87
N. Hampshire	26,952,126 02	84,797	1.11	*
New-York	259,074,689 00	816,917	1.03	1.06

*Report for 1879 not received.

No other States have such organized systems as to furnish the data for exact and fair comparisons.

The comparative per cent. of expense and deposits in 1878 and 1879 in the same States is:

	1878.	1879.
Connecticut	.0030	.0029
Massachusetts	.0028	.0029
New-York	.0044	.0038

The current expense of each account for the 10 largest savings banks in Massachusetts in 1878 was as follows:

	Per Cent. of Income to Deposits.
Boston Five-cent Savings Bank	.00285
Dry Institution for Savings	.00178
Fall River Savings Bank	.00230
Institution for Savings, Newburyport	.00158
New-Bedford Institution	.00176
Providence Institution, Boston	.00220
Salem Savings Bank	.00202
Springfield Institution	.00323
Suffolk Savings Bank	.00227
Worcester County Institution	.00211

The per cent. expense in Connecticut for eight of the largest banks ranged from .00159 to .00230.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANKS.

	Aggregate Deposits. 1878.	Aggregate Deposits. 1879.	Cost of Care of each Account.
Bank for Savings	$40,992 24	$2,504 66	$0.08
Bowery	2,182 06	2,128 38	1.06
Broadway	12,949 27	4,473 17	1.19
Citizens'	20,838 00	9,499 37	1.25
Dry Dock	22,000 00	10,449 66	1.05
East River	31,000 00	5,847 30	1.30
East Side		74 00	0.46
Eleventh Ward	1,610 00	618 28	1.19
Emigrant Industrial	40,000 24	11,817 72	1.18
Emigrant	3,000 00	2,440 79	1.18
Franklin	5,100 00	3,353 44	1.07
German	27,240 00	12,800 16	1.23
Greenwich	42,780 00	15,998 38	1.07
Harlem	4,050 00	1,493 50	1.07
Institution for Savings of Merchants' Clerks	17,700 00	4,326 34	2.06
Irving Savings Institution	15,680 00	2,253 68	2.19
Manhattan Institution	16,868 60	5,184 89	1.72
Metropolitan	7,968 00	1,928 38	1.06
Mechanics'	1,246 00	1,180 87	1.34
New-York	18,230 00	8,099 76	1.72
North River	4,000 00	1,000 00	1.00
Seamen's	41,160 68	18,157 88	0.95
Union Dime	18,035 03	10,847 04	1.27
West Side	2,880 00	1,271 49	1.07

The averages in New-York show some reduction in the last year in the per centage of expenses to deposits for 1879 to .0038. The average cost of each deposit account is $1.56. This result is due in an appreciable degree, however, to very great reductions made in a few savings banks in New-York City, like the German, the Metropolitan, the Mechanics' and the Union Dime savings institutions. Some of these large reductions were made during 1878 and some in 1879.

The absolute sale of a percentage proportion of deposits for current expenses could not wisely be adopted for all savings banks, although that is the law in New-Hampshire. Special conditions affect each one. Yet I am convinced that two expenditures now made are too large in many savings banks; that is, they are larger than they need to be and ought to be in order to secure fidelity and efficiency in the service, and larger than is just to the depositors. The evidence of this appears to me to be quite conclusive. For when the same service is procured in the British savings banks for about one-fourth as much as in ours, where it is obtained for about two-thirds as much in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New-Hampshire, in this State, and when such great differences in the expenses in savings banks are found to exist in this State as the figures show, the facts sustain the conclusion that very frequently the expenditures in our savings banks are excessive. I find, on the requirements of the statute, that, after paying necessary current expenses, the depositors shall receive the benefit of the income from their deposits.

The reported current expenses fall short of the actual cost, even of savings banks, or 56 of them in the State, over banking-houses in which is invested the sum of $9,000,000. The income from this property barely pays the current expenses upon it. In consequence, the capital invested yields no net income and pays no interest to those savings banks. Most of their rent, respectively, is the interest on the amount of capital expended in the banking-house, less the net income from it, if there be in fact any. In the great these savings banks have $9,000,000 invested in banking-houses, the interest upon which is $450,000 per year, at 5 per cent. But in the last annual statement of current expenses of these savings banks, such interest charge should be added to the sum otherwise reported.

For past extravagance and unprofitable investments in property, the depositors have paid the penalty and relief. I think such conduct imposes the duty of rigorous economy now and in the future upon such savings banks. And certainly the State, which has taken up the subject of supervision and examination in the interest of savings banks, fails in its duty when it allows the issues of savings banks of the rules of frugality which the original charters of the savings bank establishment, and which all general laws have repeated and emphasized.

Should any vital question, it be observed in the last personal manner. The deposit accounts now owned in the savings banks 870,000. I presume not half the people in the State have a substantial interest, direct or indirect, in the business of the State. Yet the interest and the rights of these depositors, as a class, are the strongest local to protect the rights and the interests of these depositors. It is, therefore, bound to use its efforts to secure fidelity in the execution of the trust and the most rigorous economy in expenses for their account.

NATIONAL CAPITAL TOPICS

MR. STEPHENS ON COERCIVE LEGISLATION.

A SPEECH IN WHICH HE TAKES STRONG GROUND AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC POLICY OF FORCING LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—In the House to-day the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens spoke against the principle of placing riders on appropriation bills, the subject under consideration at the time being Rule 21 of the new Code. Mr. Stephens said he was opposed to the twenty-first rule individually. Why? Because he did not believe that, according to the democratic doctrine of Jefferson, Madison, and Jackson, it was ever intended that appropriation bills should be incumbered with any other legislation than appropriations. If there had been any progress in legislation in this country, it had been in excluding from appropriation bills other matters as riders. The gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Hurd] had said the other day that it was Democratic doctrine to seek redress of grievances by withholding appropriations. He [Mr. Stephens] repudiated that proposition into exile. Thus had never been Democratic doctrine. It was monarchical doctrine. It came from England, where the withholding of appropriations was a legitimate mode of seeking a redress of grievances. There, powers were not divided as they were here. There, all sovereign power were considered as inherent in the Crown; here there was a different kind of Government. Here, the several powers were divided into three departments of government—the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial—each co-ordinate and co-equal, and each within its sphere exercising sovereign powers. In the Constitution of the United States the "redress of grievances" was not provided for by withholding the necessary supplies. The redress of grievances in this country was first by petition to the Legislative body, next at the Judiciary, and next to the ballot-box. Under the Constitution, the Executive had the same rightful and constitutional power to veto a bill as the House and the Senate had to pass it, and the new doctrine of making war upon the veto power through the means of appropriation bills was not democratic, was not republican, but was anti-constitutional. The only war waged against the veto power in the past was by the Whig Party, under Clay—"one of the few, the immortal, names that were ever born to die." But he [Mr. Stephens] exercising that independence of thought which he ever had, had disagreed with Clay in that war on the veto. This was where he stood the entire Democratic Party on that occasion! it had stood in defense of the veto power. He repeated that he was against all riders on appropriation bills, and that was a position at which the advanced thought in political science all over the world had arrived. In his Congressional experience, before the late secession or war, the most corrupt and mischievous of all legislation that took place was by means of riders—amendments to appropriation bills. He quoted from the provisional Constitution made at Montgomery, Ala., from the amendment to Confederate Constitution, and from the Georgia Constitution of 1877—all of them guarding against independent legislation on appropriation bills. He would be glad to see such a provision in the Federal Constitution. "Gentlemen on this side," said he, wheeling round his chair so as to face the Democrats, "talk of economy. Economy! Yes, that is the cry. I am for economy; and the best way in the world to have true, real, lasting good economy is to shut down the door on your Appropriation Committee. [Applause on the Republican side.] That committee will have enough to do by following the estimates. Let it bring forward its bills in the way provided in the Georgia Constitution. Who is harmed by that? Does that rule prevent the committee from reporting any reform? If retrenchment is the object, I am for it. If reform is the object, I am for it. If the Committee on Appropriations seeks reform in the Army, or in any of the departments of the Government, or seeks to reduce salaries generally, is not the door just as wide as it is narrow? I think so; and, therefore, my opinion is, as I stated in the beginning, that there should be no riders to appropriation bills. One reason why I feel so much interest in this question is in the intimation from the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Hurd] that they want to use the twenty-first rule in order to tack on riders to appropriation bills—bills which must pass, or ought to pass—so as to compel the Executive, so as to force a redress of grievances. My opinion on that subject was clearly given in the Democratic caucus when that scheme was tried last session. I was ever opposed to it then; I am opposed to it now, and shall ever be opposed to any such kind of legislation."

LAPSED LAND GRANTS.

RAILROAD COMPANIES WHICH HAVE NOT FULFILLED LAND GRANT CONDITIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Secretary Schurz transmitted to the Senate to-day the report of the Acting Commissioner of the General Land Office, containing the information called for in the Senate resolution of Jan. 23 concerning land grants to railroad companies that have not performed the conditions imposed in their grants. The Commissioner states that since the submission of his last annual report for 1879, in which 19 roads were reported whose grants had lapsed, evidence has been filed of the completion of three roads, leaving only 16 grants incomplete. The report says: "The Gulf and Ship Island, Coosa and Tennessee, Mobile and Girard, Coosa and Chattanooga, Pensacola and Georgia, Florida, Atlantic, and Gulf Central, North Louisiana and Texas, and the New-Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Companies have manifested no interest in the matter, and, so far as the Commissioner is informed, neither intending nor are prepared to prosecute work upon their respective roads. In fact, it is understood that a few of the corporations named do not now exist. Referring to the grants to the Northern Pacific, Atlantic and Pacific, and the Southern Pacific (main line) Railroads, the Commissioner says: "Opening grants are considered in chronological order, and though lapsed, so far as the failure of the companies to perform the acts required and imposed by the respective charters is concerned, are not considered as subject to forfeiture." The following is a table compiled from a statement accompanying the report, showing the quantity of land granted to each of the 16 roads mentioned, and the date of the expiration of their grants:

Names of Roads.	States in which Located.	Date of Expiration of Grant.	Estimated Quantity Land Granted. Acres.
Gulf and Ship Island	Mississippi	Aug. 11, '66	652,800
Coosa and Tennessee	Alabama	June 3, '66	124,480
Mobile and Girard	Alabama	June 3, '66	540,680
Coosa and Chattanooga	Alabama	June 3, '66	150,000
Pensacola and Georgia	Florida	May 17, '66	1,568,729
Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central	Florida	May 17, '66	183,183
North Louisiana and Texas	Louisiana	June 3, '66	610,880
New-Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg	Louisiana	Mar. 3, '76	1,600,000
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	Missouri	July 1, '71	100,000
Houghton and Ontonagon	Michigan	Dec. 31, '72	582,515
North Wisconsin	Wisconsin	May 31, '69	1,403,455
Wisconsin Central	Wisconsin	Dec. 31, '76	1,500,000
Oregon Central	Oregon	May 4, '76	1,200,000
Northern Pacific	Various	July 4, '76	42,000,000
Atlantic and Pacific	Various	July 4, '76	40,000,000
Southern Pacific	California	July 4, '76	6,400,000
Total acres			99,301,623

The Commissioner, after referring to the adhesive character of the grants to the Northern Pacific, the Southern Pacific, and the Atlantic and Pacific Roads, says: "In other grants provision was made that, in case the roads were not completed within certain specified times, the lands unsold or unpatented should revert to the United States, and the effect of such a reservation was considered and elaborately discussed by the Supreme Court in Schulenberg against Harriman, (21 Wallace, page 44,) where it was held that the provision was no more than a provision that the grant should be void if the conditions subsequent be not performed. But no such provision is reported in the acts granting lands to the Northern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific (main line) Railroads. In these grants the only power or right reserved to the Government will be found in the eighth section of the act of July 1, 1864, and in the ninth section thereof. The first of these sections imposes certain conditions required to be performed, and the second declares that in case the companies make any breach thereof and allow the same to continue for upward of one year, then in such case, at any time thereafter, the United States may do any and all acts and things which may be needful and necessary to insure a speedy completion of the roads. The time for the completion of the Atlantic and Pacific Road expired, under its charter, July 4, 1876. It had then completed 126 miles, 93 of which are situated within the Indian Territory. Nothing further, so far as this office is advised, has been done toward completing the road. The time for the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad expired also on said 4th of July, 1876. It had then constructed 932 miles, lying between San Jose and Tres Pinos in San Benito County, and between Huron, in Tulare County, and Mojave in Kern County, leaving an intervening section of about 90 miles to be constructed in order to make a continuous line from San Jose to Mojave. It has also failed to construct its road from this last-named point to the eastern boundary of the State, an estimated distance of about 200 miles. The question as to when the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad expired was fully considered and passed upon by the department in the decision of June 11, 1879. It was held that under section 6 of the act of July 2, 1864, as modified and amended by joint resolution of May 7, 1866, (14 Stat., 355,) and joint resolution of July 1, 1868, (15 Stat., 358,) the time for the completion of the road did not expire until July 4, 1879, and that under section 9 of the original act no proceedings can be taken until one year thereafter, viz., July 4, 1880. This appears to be the only power or interposition to be placed upon the grant, and if that be so, then the time when Congress can take action has not arrived. But as stated above, the grant comes clearly within the purview of the first inquiry of the resolution, for the time within which the road was required to have been completed has already passed. The company has been after beginning operations by the financial depression of 1873, by which it was so crippled as to interfere for several years with the progress of its work. It is, however, re-established, and is prosecuting the work begun in 1871, and there is reason to believe that the road will be completed as soon as practicable."

CURIOUS DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

MARRYING WHEN NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED—MIXED UP ACTIONS FOR SEPARATION.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 19.—Proceedings and counter-proceedings in the Simmons divorce case, yet unsettled, are of the most extraordinary character, and "the woman in the case," Mrs. Simmons, has certainly had a remarkable experience. Maria Antoinette Simmons was the wife of Duane B. Simmons, a prominent physician in Yokohama, Japan. She married him May 5, 1869, in New-York. Her maiden name was Maria Antoinette Brower, daughter of Anthony Brower, of the firm of Brower, Ogden & Calcutt, of New-York City. She became estranged from her husband in Japan and came to Red Hook, Dutchess County, in the Summer of 1878, where she engaged board with a Mrs. Clearwater, who had a son named Webster. The two became socially intimate, and as Clearwater desired to marry her, she requested him to aid her in getting a divorce from her husband in Japan, and he did, by securing a lawyer from Red Hook as her counsel, named Peter M. Baum. In January, 1878, Mr. Baum claimed to have the necessary document, and it is known that Clearwater attempted to have it certified in the County Clerk's office here, but failed, because the document had not been sled. In the face of doubts about a full legal divorce having been obtained, Mrs. Simmons and Clearwater went to New-York, and were married by the Rev. Dr. Chapin. Three months afterward they quarreled and separated, and then Clearwater sued for a divorce from her, charging in the complaint that Mrs. Simmons had no legal divorce from her first husband, and, therefore, asked to have her marriage with him declared void. After two adjournments, Mrs. Simmons failed to produce her decree of divorce from her first husband, when her marriage with Clearwater was declared null and void, and on after Clearwater married a near relative of Mrs. Simmons. Mrs. Simmons, under this ruling, was guilty of bigamy, and she commenced a suit for damages against her counsel, Peter M. Baum, charging him with procuring a bogus divorce for her from her first husband, for which she paid him large amounts of money. Baum was served with the papers, and the case was set down for trial at the Circuit Court, which meets here in March next.

In the meantime, another startling chapter has been recorded in the case. In the latter part of last month Ambrose Wager, of Rhinebeck, counsel for Mrs. Simmons, appeared before Judge Barnard on a motion for an order directing Duane B. Simmons, who had also sued for a divorce from Mrs. Simmons, to pay to Mrs. Simmons a certain amount of money for her support pending the action. The motion set forth that Mrs. Simmons's income is $10,000 annually. Gershom A. Seixas, attorney for Mr. Simmons, in reply to the motion, presented printed affidavits, which are now on file in the County Clerk's office. Some of them contain statements which, if true, reveal the details of a bogus divorce. One statement, the counsel said, was made in his New-York office by Webster Clearwater, as follows: "She [referring to Mrs. Simmons] arrived from Europe, at New-York City, in the steamer Cimbria, in March, 1878, and in May following came to board with my mother, her aunt by marriage. Arriving there she again expressed a wish to obtain a divorce, and told me she thought she could prove that Dr. Simmons had been guilty of adultery. She gave me the names of four or five persons in New-York whom she thought would be witnesses for her, and requested me to go and see them and gave me money for my expenses. I went to see these people and found that they had all been in Japan and knew Dr. Simmons, but knew nothing against his character or reputation, and none of them had any information of any conduct on Dr. Simmons's part that might aid her in her suit for divorce. I reported the result to Mrs. Simmons and to Mr. Baum, her attorney in this suit. Then Baum replied to me: 'I think I can find a witness who has been to Japan and knows facts on which we can get the divorce,' or words to that effect. This was in July, 1878. Two days prior to Sept. 4, one Alfred Folmsbee, a constable of Red Hook, called on me for funds to pay expenses to New-York to bring up a witness from New-York in this case, saying he had been sent by Baum, as I knew to be a fact. On Saturday, Sept. 14, 1878, I went to Poughkeepsie with Mrs. Simmons, according to her request, and in consequence of a notification from Baum that she would need to attend court in her suit. Baum went to court that morning, as he told me, and obtained an order of reference in the divorce case, Mr. William J. Thorne being named as Referee. Baum, after a little while, sent word to me and Mrs. Simmons to go to Judge Wheaton's office in Poughkeepsie to meet him. Judge Wheaton was counsel for Mrs. Simmons. After a little while a carriage drove up to the Judge's office, and Folmsbee and a woman stepped out; they both entered the office, the door being heavily veiled, and I did not see her face the whole time I was there, nor ever, either before or after. Mrs. Simmons was called into the Judge's private office and examined, as she afterward said, and then this strange woman entered the office and her examination taken, as I afterward heard. Mrs. Simmons and I then returned to the Poughkeepsie Hotel, and I waited there about an hour, when Judge Wheaton came up and told me that the Referee's report was ready, but that he would not advise her to let it be taken before Judge Barnard; that the testimony was too weak, and that he had so advised Baum. Folmsbee, the constable, tells me that the witness whom he brought from New-York to prove the adultery passed under the name of Jessie Benton; that she formerly resided at Red Hook, and was Baum's mistress; that her real name is —— Coen; that he, Folmsbee, found her in Cannon-street, New-York City; that she never was in Japan; that all her testimony was false. The rumor is now that Baum has sent her to Hudson to keep her out of the way. When Folmsbee went to New-York to bring the witness up, Baum gave him a number of questions and answers in writing, telling him to have the witness study them."

After the above showing of counsel for Mr. Simmons, Judge Barnard denied Mrs. Simmons's motion for alimony on the ground that the papers show a strong case of fraud. The Referee, William J. Thorne, reported in favor of a divorce for Mrs. Simmons against her husband in Japan, and Mr. Baum, instead of taking the report to Judge Barnard, as warned not to, took it to Judge Osborne, at Hudson, who signed the decree, and Mr. Baum took it back with him to Red Hook, where he found a letter from Mr. Simmons's attorney, asking him to open the default. Mr. Baum put the decree away in his office, and, he claims, warned both Clearwater and Mrs. Simmons that they must not get married, as the decree had not yet been properly entered, but they did get married, and hence Mr. Simmons's action for divorce. It is believed that Mrs. Simmons will not appear against Baum at the next circuit, for the simple reason that not only so but William J. Thorne and Ambrose Wager are all counsel for her in her defense against her husband in Japan, in his suit against her for divorce. Mrs. Simmons claims to have paid both Clearwater and Baum hundreds of dollars in her marriage and divorce business.

IS THIS CIVIL SERVICE REFORM?

The following is the card of admission given out by the Republicans of the Seventeenth Assembly District, who held a primary meeting Wednesday night last at the Turn Hall, in Forty-seventh-street. It will be observed that the card is issued and signed by Mr. S. N. Simonson, now Assistant Appraiser of this port, to which position Mr. Simonson was recently appointed by Secretary Sherman. The card is as follows:

NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1880.

You are invited to meet with a few friends to consult on matters of importance to the Republicans of the Seventeenth District, at Turn Hall, No. 341 West Forty-seventh-street, tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at 8:30 o'clock. Bring this card and present it at the door for admission. S. N. SIMONSON.

THE SOUTH-WESTERN POOL DISRUPTED.

The officers of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company in this City confirm the report that they have given formal notice of their intention to dissolve connection with the South-western railroad pool. They claim that the agreement was never lived up to by the other roads; that cuts in rates were openly made, and that commissions were given at all competing points, in contravention of the terms of the pool. At the recent meeting, the Missouri Pacific Company refused to pay its percentage in January, due to a greater extent than it was entitled to. An adjourned meeting was to have been held in Chicago yesterday, with a view to adjusting these differences, but the representatives of the other roads in this city received telegrams stating that the branch was past healing, and that it would therefore be useless for them to go on

THE ARION MASQUERADE

A BRILLIANT SCENE IN MADISON-SQUARE GARDEN.

TEN THOUSAND PERSONS PRESENT—SPLENDID DECORATIONS, BEAUTIFUL COSTUMES, AND A MAGNIFICENT PAGEANT—AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.

The Arion masquerade ball in Madison-Square Garden last evening was in every respect an overwhelming success. The attendance was immense, and select fancy costumes were the rule, and not the exception, as is too often the case, and these were nearly all very beautiful, many being original and well sustained; the procession and tableaux were interesting and artistic; the decorations were the handsomest of the kind ever seen in this City, and the utmost order and good humor prevailed throughout. At midnight there were probably 10,000 persons present as participants or spectators. To attempt to enumerate the number of baskets of wine and kegs of lager beer drunk during the evening would be an impossible task, yet not a single instance of intoxication was observable. There were a great many short dresses—short above and below. The arrangements were of the most complete kind, and they were carried out efficiently.

The Garden was never before decorated to such advantage. The Fourth-avenue side, where the old water grotto used to be, was partially occupied by an immense golden punch-bowl, filled with imitation ice, and containing a dozen enormous champagne bottles, labeled in Chinese characters. Around the base of the bowl were banked potted flowers in full bloom, seemingly springing out of a row of rocky fragments. At each side was a huge evergreen tree, and all around was ice and icicles, with little blue imps dancing in the recesses. There were two large holes in this Arctic grotto, which were hung with red curtains, and were for the use of the processionists in appearing and disappearing. The inner amphitheatre was hung on the northern and southern sides with deep, pointed drapery, covered with painted figures, representing in succession the various stages through which a guest was supposed to be obliged to pass from the receipt of the invitation to the final next morning's headache. The caricatures were of the most grotesque and amusing character. They were supplemented with shields placed in the outer rim of the centre of each of which an exaggerated bird or animal made faces at the men and women above him. Painted bolognas, strings of onions, old boots, slices of watermelon, and similar suggestive articles depended from the broad golden border of the drapery proper. Across the Madison-avenue end was a painted scene representing Arion standing forth before a background of golden sun, rocks, caves, dolphins, shells, amphyrions, mermaids, and painted water filling up the sides prettily. All the pillars of both inner and outer circles were hidden in encircling evergreens, dotted with large paper flowers, and at the base of each of the inner row was a large silvered urn filled with sweet-smelling and many-colored potted flowers in full bloom. Festoons of evergreens and bells composed of cut flowers also depended at intervals from the tapestry all around. The stand for the use of the press had been erected across the Madison-avenue front of the floor beneath the gallery. It was a complete arbor of evergreens, palms, and potted flowers, and stuffed doves. American flags and other tasteful devices, stuck here and there, enhanced its beauty. The front of the gallery was hidden by palm-leaves and flowers. Small caricatures on *silhouette* ornamented the tops of the outer row of pillars. Two music-stands, one on each side, north and south, were also hidden in evergreens and flowers. Two calcium lights added their powerful rays to the myriad of colored lights of the arches and the numerous unshaded lights dotting the ceiling. The scene when the floor was crowded—as it was at an early hour—by maskers in every variety of glittering and parti-colored costume, when the seats at the sides were packed with spectators, when the music was in full blast and the fun at its height, was one that may be better imagined than it can be described. Nothing approaching it in immensity and beauty was ever before seen in New-York, in the latter respect it was incomparably the best ball the Arions have yet given. A large tin star and an enormous egg suspended from the ceiling should not be forgotten. At midnight both burst. From the former flew 50 frightened sparrows, and from the latter descended a shower of *boutonnieres* bouquets. Both sparrows and *boutonnieres* disappeared instantly.

The festival was opened sharply, according to programme, at 9 o'clock with a concert, during which the bottles in the punch-bowl or cooler "became so cold that they began to shake," and "to warm themselves" performed a jig. By this time the Garden was well filled, both with maskers and spectators, and an immense stream of guests was pouring in from every adjacent street. So thick were the carriages that a large force of Police was required to disentangle them. At 10 o'clock the cork flew out of one of the champagne bottles with a report suspiciously like that of a pistol, and at the same moment the curtain at the left of the ice grotto parted and a knight clad in purple velvet, with golden armor and dancing white plumes, and mounted on a gaily-caparisoned black charger, emerged, leading a long procession of walking knights, half of them in crimson with golden helmets and breastplates, and the other half in blue and silver, emerged. A body of gymnastic clowns, who, during the night, performed all sorts of grotesque "stunts," took upon themselves the functions of Police, and rapidly cleared the floor. Another body, comprising the Lobby Committee, in courtier's attire, patterned after that of the Marquis of Beaufort—half in red, with white cloaks and gold trimmings, and the remainder in blue with silver trimmings, cavalier hats and plumes—followed, and the two bodies went through numerous involved evolutions with a precision that elicited loud applause. The other committees of the evening being busily engaged in the performance of their various duties were unable to take part in this opening procession. They were all beautifully costumed—the Floor Committee in the attire favored by Vasco Da Gama when that gentleman was sufficiently alive to attend balls and receptions; the Finance Committee in the dress worn by the body-guard of the Empress Catherine of Russia, and the Committee of Arrangements in the garb once worn by Casanova. After saluting the audience, the procession retired, and dancing was begun, and continued until the hour set down for the pageant of the evening. This was at 11:30 o'clock. The same curtain once more parted without previous warning, and the efficient clowns having quickly cleared the space between the two rows of pillars, they, with numerous harlequins and columbines, led the procession, performing all sorts of agile tricks on the way. Behind them appeared the New-York Street-cleaning Department. A gang of typical Italian bandits drew a large truck, with revolving paddle-wheels whose spokes were brooms. Seated on an immense broom in front was a clever imitation of Capt. Williams in full uniform, club and all. The Masters of Ceremonies, in red velvet and cavalier hats with red plumes, followed, and after them came a gorgeously-attired military band, who made the echoes ring. The Grand Marshal of the night—he who commanded the first procession—rode after, in advance of his band of Knights. Then came the historical division, comprising a series of tableaux illustrative of the several stirring periods of American history. The first was 1609. The leader wore a purple cloak and a silver helmet, and rode a black horse. On a wagon was an alleged representation of the shore of the Hudson with a greenward upon which a number of Manhattan Indians were reclining, while on the rocks above stood Capt. Hendrik Hudson and his chief mate, Robert Chewitt, in the act of "treating with" the Indians. This was entitled "Landing of Henderik Hudson." The next period was 1660. A crowd of Dutch peasants drew a wagon on which was a windmill with a table in front, around which were seated Anthony Van Corlear and Peter Stuyvesant and several remarkably pretty girls. Behind was a grotto, with Rip Van Winkle sleeping in it guarded by gnomes. This was entitled "The Last Days of New-Amsterdam." Next came 1776. A band of drummers and fifers, playing "Yankee Doodle," escorted a company of Continentals. These were followed by a representation of the bell-tower of Independence Hall on wheels, with bell-ringer; this by a carriage drawn by two horses on which a battle was progressing over a cannon in which the English soldiers were being very badly whipped. "Molly Stark" was a prominent figure. Behind, on a high rock surrounded by trees and flowers, stood an exceedingly pretty Goddess of Liberty, a stuffed eagle being perched at her side. Behind walked a number of English and Indian sachems. Then came by Minute-men. Last was the period 1880. A boys' military band, dressed as gnomes, walked in front. Then marched the Lobby Committee, previously described, escorting the triumphal chariot of Prince Carnival, which was drawn by three grays richly caparisoned. The car consisted of a double dais with many sides, composed of looking-glass exquisitely painted with birds and flowers. Prince Carnival, in white silk slashed with red, green, and yellow, elaborately embroidered with gold, and red satin cloak, sat on top, mirror in hand, and cast bouquets to the ladies as he passed. In the niches around the car stood groups of beautiful young ladies, not so fully attired but that a display of well-turned limbs was afforded. One wore a mask on her face. Above the base stood sailors, Indians, negroes, and other representatives of the various races. Behind came the "Humoristic Division." On the first car was suspended on the shoulders of four Egyptians a huge tin needle and a battered thimble. This was supposed to be Cleopatra's needle (with which she mended Antony's clothing) on its way to New-York from Alexandria. The car was drawn by sailors. This was followed by a tally ho coach drawn by four boys and filled with male and female monkeys, the guards having elephants heads. The next car was of a triumphal character. On the top, seated beneath an Oriental canopy of red and gold sat Ulysses I., in regal robes, smoking a cigar. Around the car were seated other minor potentates. The next car was Arion's chariot. It was preceded by the Floor Committee. Out of a perfect bower of flowering plants upon a magnificent canopy of crimson silk, heavily embroidered in gold. Inside of this stood Arion in white silk vestments and crimson cloak, crowned with flowers, and carrying a golden lyre in one hand, while with the other he distributed tiny bouquets to the crowd. Two typical Egyptians bearing tufted wands stood in front on either side, and he was otherwise attended by numerous frogs.

This ended the procession not to speak of numerous heralds, standard-bearers, and other similar characters who filled up the interstices. After marching twice around the room amid the acclamations of the spectators, it vanished behind the grotto, and dancing was resumed. At 1 A. M. hundreds were still pouring in, and the fun was at its height.

SCENES ON AND OFF THE FLOOR.

Among the thousand and one costumes on the floor were many exceedingly rich and elegant. A tall, beautiful girl, in a black silk domino, covered from head to foot with playing cards, aces, knaves, kings, and queens, attracted much attention. Another young lady was clad in a robe of satin, covered with gold horseshoes. A plump young woman in blue and white gauze and fringed mask, drew along her hair a silver butterfly by a golden cord. Some of the young girls' costumes were exceedingly pretty. One, in lemon-colored silk with cardinal red facings, and roses in her hair, disported under the protection of a frowning headsman, clad from head to foot in ugly black, with black veil over the face. Dress-coats turned inside out were a favorite disguise, and the supply of noses was unlimited. Big, little, long, and short, noses flat, with snouts and noses without, turned-up, retrousse, snub, Roman, all sorts were to be seen bobbing about in conjunction with domines and masks of an equally bewildering variety. Some of the wearers had two noses, one in front and one behind; others had them growing out of the tops of their heads and still others had them on their ears. The big Beef-eaters in resplendent armor at the principal entrance to the dancing-floor were the centres of giggling circles of clowns, hunchbacks, and nondescripts of all sorts, who pushed and jostled and laughed and smacked each other on the back right merrily. Troubadours, in Spanish and Italian costumes, lounged about in abundance. There were sheals of Brother Jonathans, Indians, John Chinamen, Charles II., Louis XIV., milkmaids, shepherdesses, priests in shovel hats, acolytes, Solon Shingles fortune-tellers, gypsies, pages, hussars, jockeys, court fools, jesters, unicorns, allegorical costumes, the seasons, Zulus, Afghans, negroes, and hornpipe-dancing sailors. A perfect Jew peddler, with bear's grease, ear-rings, &c., complete, rushed into the press box and insisted on selling his wares against the protests of the chief usher, who handled him out unceremoniously. Ladies persisted in crowding into the press box and filling up the seats assigned to newspaper men, and the uproar of music and conversation in the house of the ushers and guards made a most distracting volume of sound. The throng increased rapidly. At 11 o'clock, the floor, boxes, aisles, and the entire amphitheatre overflowed with enthusiastic and irrepressible guests. Everybody was having a good time. The hundreds on the floor were whirling in waltzes, or hopping up and down in polkas, the hundreds in the aisles were promenading, chatting, laughing, and flirting, and the hundreds in the boxes and on the tiers above were eating and drinking. Chicken salad and sandwiches, champagne and beer, were devoured and quaffed with hearty appetites, and without ceremony. It was the nearest approach to the genuine, happy, merry abandon of the carnival that New-York has yet seen.

After the procession, Prince Carnival, Arion, and their merry troupes, swelled the mob of dancers, until motion, on many parts of the floor, became difficult. Alpine bandits in velvet cloaks and silk fleshings trimmed with red ribbons, harlequins, animated champagne bottles (100 times natural size, Continentals in buff-colored breeches and three-

OIL IN THE OLD WORLD

PENNSYLVANIA'S FUTURE RIVALS IN SUPPLYING PETROLEUM.

THE FIELD AND PRODUCTION IN RUSSIA—METHODS OF WORKING AND TRANSPORTATION—WORKING THE DEPOSITS IN AUSTRIA—NO CHANCE ABROAD FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION AT PRESENT.

BRADFORD, Penn., Feb. 18.—The Hon. Lewis Emery, of this city, a gentleman largely interested in the oil business, returned a few days ago from a protracted visit to the Russian and Austrian petroleum regions, the nature and magnitude of which have been known in this country only through rumor. Mr. Emery brings back important and interesting data. The oil developments in Russia have been made along the Caucasus Mountains, from the Caspian to the Black Sea, a distance of 1,500 miles. Oil was discovered on the eastern shore of the Black Sea in 1865, but nothing is being done there at present in the way of production. Along the Kuban River, a stream emptying into the Black Sea, a paying territory is being developed. Two wells have been sunk by a company of French capitalists, a Pennsylvania operator, the well-known Dr. Tweddle, of Pittsburg, directing the work. This company has a refinery at Tamaa. The principal producing field is at the eastern end of the Caucasus range, along the Caspian Sea at Baku. It was in this region that the ancient fire-worshipers held their sacred festivals, digging pits along the sea shore, from which volumes of gas were emitted from the earth, ignited, and became the holy flame of the worshipers. Here, managed by American skill, numbers of wells have been sunk, and a daily product of 28,000 barrels of crude petroleum is obtained. Many of the wells are flowing ones, with immense capacity. They are drilled to an average depth of 300 feet, and spout their substance to the surface through 12-inch pipes. Immense quantities of sand are thrown up with the oil, and around some wells is banked up 30 feet high and 300 feet about. Refineries of very large capacity are located at Baku, and while the same principle of refining that is used in this country is adopted there, its application is yet deficient, and the refined oil is far below the quality of refined American oil. Owing to lack of transportation facilities, very little Russian oil is exported. Mr. Emery thinks that at present the oil trade of America has nothing to fear from the Russian field, as American oil, possessing, as it does, unlimited and comparatively cheap transportation facilities, can be placed in the markets of the world at a rate with which Russia cannot now compete.

But the development of this vast Russian field may be said to be only begun, and with the completion of railroad communication with important points it will destroy all demand for American oil in that part of the world. Oil from the Russian fields to southern markets is now carried on the backs of camels, a mode of transportation at once slow and expensive. From Poti, a Black Sea port, a railroad extends to Tiflis. This road was built by Russian capital, and its extension to the oil-fields at Baku is now under way. Other transportation lines are about to be begun uniting Baku with other important seaports. To reach St. Petersburg and intermediate markets the oil is carried on the Caspian Sea on floats from Baku to Astrakhan, at the mouth of the Volga. From that place it is taken by steamers up the Volga River to Nijni Novgorod, whence it is transported by rivers and canals to the Russian capital, a distance of 2,500 miles from the oil-wells. This costs more than transport oil from Pennsylvania to the same Russian markets. The fuel used on these steamers is a residuum of the petroleum, which, in the Russian oil, forms about 75 per cent. of the crude, the remainder forming an illuminating oil as yet inferior to American kerosene. The petroleum fuel is eagerly sought after in the region, and is sold at 25 cents a ton. Unlike the residuum of the Pennsylvania oil, it burns without smoke. The Russian oil-field may be said to be comparatively boundless. It extends down into India, where developments have been making with some of the oil-springs. Oil springs exist in British Burmah, in Assam, and the Punjaub. In the Rangoon district petroleum has been known for centuries. The wells are attended with the same eruption of sand or mud that characterizes the Russian wells, and are called by the natives mud volcanoes. In some parts of India the crude petroleum is very thick, and becomes solid at a temperature of 60°. It is called Rangoon tar, and contains 10 per cent. of paraffine. In other parts the oil is thin, transparent, and light-colored. The oil-fields of Austria are situated in the Carpathian Mountains, in the primitive Province of Galicia. It covers about 500 miles of mountain territory. Mr. Emery says that, while the field may be capable of great development, it is at present yielding not more than 600 barrels a day. There are some natural oil springs in the region. The principal part of the operations is conducted by enterprising Americans, who have pushed into the isolated country—it is 400 miles north of Pesth—in the hope of developing a profitable field. The wells sunk by these parties are put down on scientific principles, but the natives content themselves with sinking a pit, the sides of which they do not shore up. The oil that exudes from the soil they collect by letting it filter over a curled-up sheepskin into the receptacle they have at hand. The oil corresponds in quality to that of Pennsylvania, and, with proper development, would yield a product far in excess of the American supply. Rude refineries are distributed through the region as far south as Bucharest, but are taxed only to supply the somewhat limited local demand. The whole region is controlled by Polish Jews, who oppose the introduction of outside capital or modern modes of operation. A peculiar formation found in connection with the Galician oil is a wax known as ozokerit, which is extensively dealt in for the manufacture of candles.

E. M. Grant, of Fezburg, Penn., who lately returned from a visit to the Galician oil fields, gives some interesting details, the result of his observations there. The wax is found in 400 miles long, he says, and 40 wide, extending from Klenasany, in the north-west, to Remairi, in the south-east, and across the Carpathian Mountains, from Sziroth, in Hungary, to Jasio, in Gallicia. It is divided into the eastern, western, and Hungarian districts. The Western District produces about 400 barrels of crude oil a day in an area of territory 70 miles long and 10 wide. Operations have been carried on here in a more or less primitive way for 20 years. Steam-power has not been introduced yet, the work of engines being done by lusty Polish Jews. The wells are put down from 500 to 800 feet, when the oil is struck. It varies in gravity and color. On one favorable spot, five acres in extent, 150 wells have been put down. The nearest railroad from Roboka, the principal oil centre of the western district, is 30 miles distant. The oil is refined on the spot as it comes from the wells. Teamsters carry the oil to the railroad for 15 cents a barrel, so that, as regards cheapness of transportation, the railroad might as well be 30 miles away as on the spot. The eastern district of the Gallicia oil-field is at present doing very little in the way of oil production. The wells are principally sunked about a place called Borysiaw. They yield from three to ten barrels a day. The oil is clear, and of a deep green color. The wax deposits of Eastern Galicia are of more importance than the oil wells. This "earth-wax," or ozokerit, is the residuum of petroleum, the oil having evaporated. The wax lies in beds, like clay, at depths from 350 to 600 feet below the surface. Shafts are sunk to the beds. The sides of the shafts are curbed with timbers, but in such a careless and unscientific manner that they are constantly caving in, and burying workmen in the depths. From four to six men are killed in this way every week. But the entire field is in the possession of Polish Jews of the most avaricious class. They refuse to go to the expense of making their shafts safe, and the laborers are at their mercy. Mr. Grant says that the Polish Jews of Borysiaw are hated and despised by all the Jews of Europe. The Borysiaw wax field is only 60 acres in extent, and, upon that, 10,000 shafts have been sunk. On this 50 acres, 12,000 men, work and live. The Jews who own the deposits have made large fortunes from the product, as it is very valuable, bringing 6 cents a pound at the fields. It is used solely for making candles. The region is intensely Catholic, and "holy days" are constantly occurring, upon which occasions vast numbers of candles are used. But, besides the local demand for the wax, it requires immense quantities to supply that of other countries. The ozokerit lies in a vein 16 inches thick. It is dug out with shovels, and raised from the shafts by buckets and windlasses. The owners are the only merchants, bankers, and hotel-keepers in the region. Everyone else is mortgaged to them. The men shave their heads, leaving only a tuft of hair at each temple. The women also shave their heads, substituting mohair wigs for their natural hair. The Hungarian oil district, while promising as well if not better than the others, has been only slightly developed. It is destined at some day to become an important region in connection with the world's supply of petroleum. The Hungarian Government offers to extend aid to any one who will begin operations looking to the development of the country.

A MAHARAJAH'S MARRIAGE.

IMPOSING WEDDING PROCESSION IN INDIA.

Bareda Correspondence of the Times of India.

Great was the pomp and great were the rejoicings that attended the nuptial rites of his Highness the Maharajah Srajee Rao Gaekwar on Wednesday last. To see the gorgeous spectacle in all its entirety was, however, almost impossible for European visitors, inasmuch as seats were provided for them in the Nazar Pasa, where the marriage ceremony took place, and they were expected to await the coming of the bridegroom. At about 5 P. M. the marriage procession, which had started from the Lalpura Gate, arrived amid a scene of bewildering yet charming confusion. It was a dense, surging, picturesque mass of humanity. All types were present—the highest and the lowest, the richest and the poorest. Among the crowds were several English soldiers, who had, evidently, trudged the whole weary way with the procession, and had, therefore, had the opportunity of witnessing perhaps more than any one else, and it was from one of these, a most intelligent man, that I afterward obtained the following account of experiences on this eventful day: "I found out the time of the Resident's departure from cantonments, and followed him to the Lalpura Gate of the city. Arrived at the Lalpura Gate there was some delay, while Mr. Melvill and the officers who accompanied him mounted their elephants. At last the procession started, a woman in front scattering coins, then natives in gilded howdahs, then elephants with officers, traveling gents, political agents, and globe trotters, all jumbled up anyhow, then myself on foot, then Mr. Melvill's elephant, abreast of which, when there was room, walked the magnificent elephant with the State gold howdah, inside of which was any amount of gold tinsel, inside which tinsel, I was given to understand, was his Highness Srajee Rao Gaekwar. I have omitted to mention the Arab Guard of his Highness, which joined on the way. As we passed by the regiments the bands played 'God Save the Queen' in various keys. Eventually we arrived opposite the Nazar Pags, where the marriage was to take place. Drawn up opposite this was a guard of honor of the Twentieth N. I. I had now to think of some method of obtaining an entrance into the Pags. Eventually I was in a hall such as I had never seen before. Here I saw rows of gorgeous columns decorated in a most elaborate and artistic style with gold and silver and all the colors of the rainbow. The walls were covered with affective, if somewhat crude, native paintings, and the whole reminded me of the Greek temple of my imagination brought to life. The ladies and gentlemen were seated along the central aisle. Of native gentlemen there were plenty, but I did not see one single native lady. I hear it is not their custom to take open part in any festivity. The sombre dresses of the Europeans blended in a most artistic manner with the gaily-colored apparel of the Indians; and the whole scene to my eyes the most picturesque gathering that I had ever seen. I fell into a reverie. From this I was aroused by a sudden clang of discordant music which made me swear, (inwardly,) but I was quite consoled when I observed that the cause of the discordance was the entrance of two naked girls. I was so much taken with this hall that I persuaded Sergt. Jones, of my company, to come with me next day and have a good look around. Now, Sergt. Jones has passed the Korkee College, and is a bit of a scientific something or other, so I asked him to write me down a description of the place, and here is what he wrote: 'The durbar pavilion, a large temporary structure, capable of containing 800 or 900 people seated, is thoroughly characteristic. No one in any other part of the world would ever think of erecting so elaborate a structure, replete with the minutest decorations, for the purpose of the hour, and yet it is this butterfly magnificence which adds the great charm to Oriental splendor. The columns are of Hindu character, supporting cusped trefoiled arches, form of ornament essentially Moslem, but now, by use and modification, distinctly Hindu. The ceiling, flat and white, is to a great extent hidden by the crystal chandeliers. The decorations, in green, gold, and silver, are classical and exuberant. The ground-work of the painted mirrors forms the silver, with the green and gold of tinsel. At the end of the hall a cloth of gold, pierced with small round holes and showing globes of crimson and pale blue glass, when lighted by the sun during the day produces a wonderfully rich effect.' I should almost have forgotten to mention that I actually saw a part of the marriage ceremony. I managed to get in with one of the lots who were to turn allowed to go to the scene of the rite itself. The Gaikwars are always married in a stable. I suppose because the Maharajas are such fond horsemen; but, in the particular stable in which the present Gaikwar was married had been so converted that it would have taken a very horsey man indeed to have recognized in it a home for noble quadrupeds. When I entered this stable I found a dense crowd, through which I elbowed my way with characteristic modesty, and at last found myself quite near the Maharajah and his bride, who were seated on the ground surrounded by Brahmins of high rank, one of whom was reading something in a monotonous tone of voice, which I fancy must have been an injunction to wives. The bride was bowed and apparently overcome by emotion, and the bridegroom was thoughtful and silent. Meanwhile, the mystic thread which binds them irrevocably together was wound round and round, and I left the place with an impression that I had never seen a more beautiful or a more imposing ceremony.

REPUDIATED MISSISSIPPI BONDS.

PROPOSED COMPROMISE SUBMITTED BY THE HOLDERS OF THEM.

The following Message from Gov. Stone was read in the Senate of Mississippi on Monday, 9th inst.:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
JACKSON, Feb. 9, 1880.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: Shortly after the adjournment of the last Legislature, I received a communication from Edward Haslewood, Esq., representing the holders of the Mississippi repudiated bonds, dated London, England, Feb. 21, 1878, inclosing copies of a memorial addressed to the Senate and House, and the Representatives of the State of Mississippi, submitting a proposition in behalf of said bondholders to compromise the indebtedness of the State on account of said repudiated bonds, and requesting me to submit the same to the Legislature for consideration. A communication from J. F. Howard, Esq., also representing said bondholders, dated New-York, Jan. 31, 1880, requesting me to submit the memorial to your honorable body, was received a few days since.

In accordance with these requests I have the honor to submit the inclosed copy of said memorial for such action on its part as your wisdom, you may determine. Respectfully, J. M. STONE, Governor.

Following is the proposition of the bondholders:

1. That the bondholders should waive all claim for the unpaid interest from the year 1840 to the last day of this year, say over $13,000,000.

2. That the State should issue new bonds to the extent of $7,000,000, being the amount of the original issue.

3. That the new issue of bonds should bear interest for the first year, commencing from the 1st of January, 1879, first payment being in July, 1879, at the rate of 3 per cents per annum, increasing annually, after the first year, at the rate of one-half of 1 per cent. per annum.

4. If deemed advantageous to the State, that the said new issue of bonds may be received in payment for sales of the unoccupied land or lands belonging to the State, at the rate of $20 acres for a bond of $1,000, the object in this being to induce an immigration of thrifty men, providing a market and a sinking fund for the bonds.

Mr. Reynolds offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, (the House concurring,) That the communication of his Excellency, in reference to certain bonds of the State of Mississippi, and accompanying documents, be referred to a joint select committee of two from this house; to be composed of three on the part of the Senate, and —— on the part of the House of Representatives.

By the provisions of the present Constitution, the State is prohibited from ever localizing these bonds, the clause which was adopted in 1875, reading: "Nor shall the State assume, redeem, secure, or pay any indebtedness claimed to be due by the State of Mississippi, to any person, association or corporation whatsoever, claiming the same as owners, holders, or assignees of any bond or bonds known as the Union Bank bonds, or Planters' Bank bonds."

GIRLS AS MATHEMATICIANS.

From the London Daily Telegraph, Feb. 4.

As the recent examination for the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge, four students of Girton College have received indirect recognition as mathematicians. It appears that, by the courtesy of four of the five examiners, the papers of these ladies were looked over, and it was found that, according to the university standard, one of them—Miss Scott—obtained marks which, were women qualified to take academic honors, would have placed her name high among the Wranglers; while the other three—the Misses Staley, Kerr, and Jackson—would have come out in the third class. These ladies prepared their papers on precisely the same conditions as those imposed on male students and nothing but the disabilities which still attach to the womanly status prevented them from reaping the becoming rewards of their talents and industry. The Misses Scott, Staley, Kerr, and Jackson will receive from their college degree certificates.

HOW AN OLD DOG WAS AVENGED.

From the Indianapolis Journal.

"Talking of dogs," said Dr. F——, "I'll tell you a true story. When I lived in Dayton, I had a neighbor, Dr. Van Tayl, who had a mastiff, named Ligs. He had ground old and gray and toothless. He had been, in his prime, without a peer in a square dog-fight, but now was on the retired list. It was hard for Ligs to give up his dog-days in inglorious ease. Every new and then, feeling the rust of inaction, he would engage in combat with some wandering dog, to be made painfully aware of his enfeebled age. One day when Ligs was dozing on the front porch he looked up and saw in the street, under a load of wood, a large yellow dog—a jaunty fellow, young, vigorous, and saucy, with an unmistakable country air about him. The stranger was trotting along in a superfluous way, as if there wasn't anything throughout the town worth a second glance. Ligs made up his mind that this dog needed to be taught humility. So out he went and straightaway engaged the stranger. A cloud of dust a tale of hair, and old Ligs returned with his wounds—torn and bleeding. Smarting with defeat, he ran through the house, crossed the yard, and crawled under the fence in an adjoining yard. Dr. Brennan lived there. He had a dog, a large, well-knit fellow, much such a dog as Ligs had been at his best. Ligs found this dog, and a council of some sort was held. I don't know what was said; all I know is half a minute after Ligs's defeat, and before the country dog had well digested his victory, the Brennan dog accompanied him over the fence, through the Van Tayl residence, across the porch into the street, and there Ligs looked on while his friend tackled the country dog, giving that venturesome visitor a wholesome defeat. Ligs being now fully revenged and vindicated, the two dogs returned to their homes, leaving the country dog, much crestfallen, licking his wounds.

THE WICKED REPUBLICANS.

SENATOR BEN. H. HILL, OF GEORGIA, ONCE MORE GIVES HIS OPINION OF THEM.

The Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* prints a long letter from Senator Ben. H. Hill, of Georgia, purporting to be addressed to an indefinite somebody in Vermont, whose name is not hinted at, but who is put in the position of an anxious inquirer desiring to learn from Mr. Hill, (1,) whether he favors Gen. Grant for President under any consideration, (as some people claim;) (2,) whether Grant has any following among Southern Democrats, and (3,) whether in case of his [Grant's] nomination by the Republicans he [Hill] thinks he [Grant] could carry a single Southern State. Mr. Hill responds to this inquirer with alacrity, and tells him that he does not favor Grant's election to the Presidency under any contingency he can now imagine, and that, while Grant does have some following in the South among those "who say they are Democrats," if nominated by the Republican Party he could not (in Hill's opinion) carry a single Southern State. Mr. Hill asserts it to be a fact that the Northern people are not permitted to understand the real views and feelings of the Southern people, and says that all thinking men in the South feel and believe that our constitutional system of free government is in very great peril of final and complete overthrow. "The Southern people," he says, "have lost everything by sectionalism. The Republican Party owes all its successes, all its power, and all its offices to this same sectionalism. The Southern people desire above all things to put an end to the sectionalism which has destroyed them. The Republican Party desires above all things to keep alive the sectionalism which has made them. * * * In the last Presidential count the Southern Democrats insisted upon submitting to the loss of a President elected by the people rather than do anything to disturb the peace of the country. The Republican leaders who knew this fact, and who in private here expressed warm admiration for it, went home to their people and represented that the country would be in danger again if the South, with the Democratic Party, should ever again claim a President. The Republican partisan paper daily emphasized the falsehood. During the late extra session it was well known that, while the Southern Democrats desired the repeal of certain laws, and most especially desired the repeal of the test oath, yet not one of the men in the South could be excluded from the Federal jury-box, they were yet determined never to adjourn without voting appropriations to support the Government. Yet the Republicans, who know this, brazenly represented to the Northern people that our troops, called for by the Government to put down the Slaughter, were seeking to starve it to death. And all the Republican papers repeated the slander."

Of the Democratic Party and the South, he says: "We [the South] can have neither hope nor life save in a broad constitutional nationality. It is impossible, therefore, for Gen. Grant or any other man nominated by the sectional Republican Party to carry a single Southern State. I admit the Democratic Party is not, in all respects, what we desire. There is much in the history of that party I cannot approve, and much of China, Major Sanger, think of dreaming in the manner which is mortifying. But with all its faults it is the only party in sight with which any man can affiliate who sincerely desires to fraternize the feelings, nationalize the interests, and preserve the constitution of the Government of the American people. * * * We of the South present no names for Presidential honors. I believe the very best thing which could happen would be an administration of the Government by a wise Southern statesman, for it would be the pride and glory of such a statesman to administer for our national affairs as to banish from the minds of the Northern people the last vestige of distrust and apprehension of Southern national fidelity growing out of past sectional controversies. But we are narrow, ignorant, prejudiced people. We think in a time of excitement like this we can not possibly be in condition to reason calmly on this subject, and would not brook such a suggestion. Therefore, no thoughtful man in the South is even expecting such honors. All we expect or ask is that Northern statesmen shall be presented who will be equal to the call to duty and patriotism, and show that they do not regard the abuse and calumny of any section as the test of loyalty to the Union. There are many such statesmen in every State of the North in both parties, but not one such is even mentioned for the honor. Not one such even has a name men in New-England—even in Massachusetts—who would administer the Government in a spirit worthy of Washington, and either one of whom the Southern people would rejoice in aiding to elevate to that high position. After all, such men must utilize merely be chosen, and they will lose the right to be chosen at all. The people must and the triumphs of fraud or fraud will end the liberties of the people, and that, too, at no distant day."

BUCHOLE AGAIN ON TRIAL.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 19.—This was the third day of the Buchole trial. The twelfth juror was obtained within the first 15 minutes of the session. Siegfried Grunewald testified that, in pursuance of a written contract, he came to this country with Schulte, as his servant, landing on Sept. 27, 1878. While at the Sonne Hotel, in New-York, he made the acquaintance of the prisoner, who learned of the wealth carried on the person of Schulte, and told the witness that he was foolish to leave such a master. Grunewald deserted Schulte about Oct. 1, and, a month or so later, wrote him that he would like to re-enter his service, and on the day of the homicide was called upon by his former master and re-engaged. The witness was confident that the watch shown him was Schulte's, and he positively identified the hat, cloak, pocket-book, keys, handkerchiefs, &c. Frank Just, an attaché of the Sonne Hotel, drove Schulte to the depot when he left New-York. Buchole, who was anxious to ride with them, obtained permission, and earnestly besought the murdered man to let him ride with him to Bridgeport. Just was at first indisposed to do so, but finally he yielded, and they took the train together. The cross-examination of the first three witnesses of the afternoon session shows that the defense proposes to make a fight on the same issue as raised in the former trial, that the prisoner is a different person from Johann instead of John, as alleged in the indictment.

Mrs. Amelia Waring, in whose house Schulte lived, testified that the prisoner came to her house with his master; the latter was never out after sundown, and, to her knowledge, never went out walking. Buchole went abroad; he visited New-York several times; Schulte once announced that the accused man was to leave him on Jan. 20, the day of the homicide; Schulte went to New-York, saying he would return at 4 o'clock; his servant went to meet him, passing through the woods where the murder was afterward committed. The witness next saw Buchole about 7 o'clock, as the door was opened in response to his repeated cries, when he said, "Schulte is murdered." The whole family went to the neighbors for assistance, which arrived at 7.12. The cross-examination was not completed when the court adjourned.

AN EMPRESS'S EXPENSES.

From London Truth.

Waste and peculation are traditional in the imperial household of Russia. I read that the expenses of the Empress Marie Feodorovna at Cannes were paid for at the rate of $5,000 a month. Probably this covered the bills of the butcher, baker, and grocer. It did not cover those of the wax chandler who furnished the imperial villa and the chapel, of the livery stables, of the gas company, of the *boniquetières*, and of the telegraph company. Wax candles were perpetually burning in the room in which mass was daily said. They were of the most expensive quality, and were sold to the chandler of her Imperial Majesty for treble the price paid by the Catholic priest of the neighboring church. Flowers were profusely supplied to the villa by a gardener, and when they had been a few hours in the daytime in vases, they were resold—but not to the profit of the imperial purse—to those who were the supplies the *demi-monde* at Cannes. When the journey back to St. Petersburg was decided upon, the clerk of the battery ordered 15 days' provisions for her Majesty and her retinue to be stored in the imperial train. The overplus was purchasable at some officer. Champagne-cup was on premises in the saloon carriages in which the Grand Dukes and gentlemen in attendance traveled. Lunch was not taken at any of the stations at which the train halted.

AN UNDIVIDED CHURCH.

From the Jersey City Journal.

UNION HILL, Feb. 6, 1880.

We, the undersigned, Elders, Deacons, and other members of the German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church, at Union Hill, N. J., publicly protest, by our own signatures, against a certain article which, under the caption, "A Divided Church," made its first appearance, Jan. 28, 1880, in the *Evening Journal of Jersey City*, and has thence found its way into New-York papers. We declare said article to be a shameful slander against our Pastor, the Rev. H. Schoppe, and a malicious misrepresentation of a congregational matter that has long since been adjusted. By far the greatest part of the statement rests upon falsehoods that can only have been promulgated by certain persons who were some time ago, by a definite resolution, expelled from the congregation. Our congregation itself flourishes and increases steadily, and has never been in a more peaceful and harmonious state than just at the present. Those that have copied the offense will please now copy the defense. C. H. Wedemeyer, Henry Backer, John M. Meyer, Elders; John Geehwind, Jr., August Leidecker, John Kempel, Siebert Spill, Julius Hoffman, William Baker, Henry Beitz, Deacons; Fred Hess, Henry Ammerman, Otto Paul, Louis Hess, and others.

NAFTAL FOUND NOT GUILTY.

RED BANK, N. J., Feb. 19.—The jury in the case of Naftal, the alleged Red Bank incendiary, returned out all sticks. On Judge Walling's appearance on the bench early this morning, the jurors came in and stated to the court that it was unable to agree. Judge Walling refused to discharge the jury, and an hour later it came in with a verdict of not guilty.

MILITARY ART IN THE EAST

A SOLDIER'S VISIT TO CHINA, JAPAN, AND PERSIA.

THE GREAT ADVANCES MADE BY THE JAPANESE—INTENSE CONSERVATISM OF THE CHINESE—AFFAIRS IN PERSIA.

Brevet Major J. P. Sanger, of the First United States Artillery, last evening read a paper on "Artillery in the East," at the head-quarters of the Military Service Institution, on Governor's Island. For the accommodation of members of the institution stationed at other posts in the harbor, the steamboat left Fort Hamilton at 7 P. M., touched at Fort Wadsworth, and steamed thence to Governor's Island. Visitors from the City and Brooklyn were taken from the Battery to the island at 7 and 8 P. M., and were brought back at 10 and 11 o'clock. The introductory pages of the paper set forth that the observations of the author were taken during a two years' trip through Asia and Europe. Embarking at San Francisco in August, 1875, he first went to China, then to Japan, and next to India. While in the last-mentioned country he witnessed the maneuvres of the troops in honor of the Prince of Wales. After landing at Yokohama, Major Sanger and Gen. Upton inspected the armament of Japan. They found that, under the guidance of the French officers who began their operations 25 years ago, the old arms had been abandoned, while the infantry, in discipline, organization, and equipment, had been closely modeled after the best European armies. All the finest and most serviceable samples of small arms had been collected and experimented with, until the Japanese, from being in a condition of barbarian ignorance, in a military point of view, had assumed a very respectable position as an armed power. Large and well-equipped arsenals have been established, arrangements have been perfected for the manufacture of powder and other articles needed in military service, and a liberal policy has been pursued in the purchase of heavy guns from more civilized nations. America, Major Sanger ascertained, has been much favored by the purchasing agents of the Government. The ancient forts used prior to the advent of the foreigners were interestingly described. The new fortifications at the mouth of the principal rivers are now only well equipped, but well manned and officered. The Government has paid similar attention to the development of civil progress by the building of railroads and the establishment of telegraphic lines. Regarded from an artillerist's point of view, there is not much to be learned from Japan, although Major Sanger found much to interest him in what had been done prior to his visit. The Major found no evidences of civil or military advancement in China. "The Chinese," said he, "are simply beating time and following the path of their ancestors of 2,000 years. The intense antipathy of the Chinese to everything foreign has led them to reject nearly all opportunities offered them for improvement. Facilities for gathering information were denied Major Sanger and his companions, until letters were obtained from Prince Kung. Whenever these letters were exhibited to persons in authority, ample opportunities for investigation were afforded. In examinations for promotion in the military service the only points of merit taken into consideration are skill with the bow and arrow, horsemanship, and spear are still retained in the service, as are also the matchlock and a great swivel gun, which was once an effective weapon. Major Sanger told the story of Mandarin who spent 35 years in this country, and who on his return to his dirty home in China, left behind him all his American habits. This Mandarin told the Major that he had two sons in New-Haven, Conn., who, he expected, would return to China as thoroughly Chinese as he (the father) was. In examining the great wall of China, Major Sanger found that at no point did its height exceed 20 feet, while its greatest thickness did not exceed the same number of feet. In some of the embrasures were obsolete cannon sticking in the masonry, and almost hidden by the growth of moss. These old pieces were exhibited by the builder, showing it to be made with large metal rings for greater strength. Before leaving the subject of Chinese armament and fortifications, Major Sanger remarked that it would be idle to look for any perceptible change in the policy of the Chinese Empire. The rulers, who understand the situation, have done everything to foster the conservatism of the natives. A striking illustration of the antipathy of the Chinese to improvements introduced by foreigners was the immediate destruction of the first railroad ever built in their country. Their fine Navy is used merely as a police force in Chinese waters. The Army Major Sanger regards as a mere plaything. The new forts built by foreign artillerists are falling into ruin, and the guns, in some instances, have all supplied. While in India the Major carefully observed the condition of the Army and the artillery plant. The paper contained very little information concerning them, it being the intention of the author to reserve his notes for a report on the English service. The condition of the Army and military service in Persia was found to be worse than in Japan or China. The Army is one only in name. Officers and men alike attend to their private business at all times, notwithstanding they are supposed to be on active duty in behalf of their country. Improvements introduced from the visit of the Shah to the European Courts. That potentate, on returning, retired to the seclusion of his harem, and seemed to be in a state of constant uncertainty and dread. Since the Shah's visit, foreign diplomatists swarmed in his capital and in the important cities. Weak attempts have been made from time to time to improve the condition of the Army, but as soon as good results began to become manifest, the efforts were invariably abandoned. Major Sanger's neat paper will be descriptive of the artillery and fortifications of Italy.

LOUIS NAPOLEON'S EDITOR.

CASSAGNAC'S SERVICES TO THE SECOND EMPIRE.

From the Pall Mall Gazette.

The interesting part of M. De Cassagnac's career began when, shortly before the coup d'état of 1851, he assumed the functions of journalist-in-ordinary to Prince Louis Napoleon. The founder of the Second Empire placed from the first great confidence in M. De Cassagnac. The latter had won his renown as a hard hitter in journalism under Louis Philippe; when, through the intermediary of Count de Morny, he was presented to the Elysée, it was on the explicit understanding that he should place his pen absolutely at the devotion of the ruler of France, Napoleon III. and M. De Cassagnac appear to have understood each other at once, and there never arose a difference between them. All who ever saw M. De Cassagnac could guess by a mere glance at him how congenial the "imperial idea" must have been to such a nature as his. Of Creole extraction, and born in Martinique, he had the face of a white negro, with eyes that sparkled remarkably. He was passionate, imaginative, he loved finery, hankered after pomp, ribands, honors, and cared no more for the liberties of his fellow-subjects than a regular negro might have done. A regime that had France fast gagged and bound, but which, as a set-off, applied the people's vote, Universal Suffrage, and a standing Army, seemed perfection to him. M. De Cassagnac was not an originator, but he could work up the ideas of another man and express them in a masterly fashion. He could also add, by way of ornament, hollow but very brilliant ideas of his own. Napoleon's plans were always far better explained and defended by M. De Cassagnac than they could have been by himself. Not once, but a hundred times at least, during Napoleon's reign M. De Cassagnac had to endure snubs from the official journal which would have made a sensitive man quiver with mortification; and once or twice the Emperor—in order to soothe jealous Ministers—had to cease receiving or corresponding with him for months at a time. But M. De Cassagnac knew his master's mind, and was good courtier enough never to notice the slights that were put upon him by the Court. It should be added, that he made a very good thing out of his loyalty. An official Deputy in the Corps Législatif from 1852 to 1870, he was likewise a Commander of the Legion of Honor; while the subsidies which his newspapers received from the civil list gave him wealth and enabled him to buy a cosy estate in the Gers.

ENGLISH SALMON-FISHING.

From the Pall Mall Gazette, Feb. 4.

Frozen water and floating ice have more or less retarded salmon-fishing on those English rivers in which the season opened on Monday last. It is not surprising, therefore, to hear that the quantity of salmon received in London at the commencement of the season of 1880 has not been very large. The salmon which arrived yesterday all came, it seems, from two rivers, namely, the Eden and the Severn. Up in the north the frost has not affected the rivers so much as it has generally in the south. In the Eden, the nets were at work early on Monday, and by the night mail from Carlisle there were dispatched to Billingsgate several fine fresh-run salmon. In the Severn, the nets were not so successful. Floating ice interfered much with fishing operations; and although several hauls were made here and there, and several salmon landed, they were with one exception, either "kelts" or else "unspawned fish," and were accordingly returned to the water. The one exception was a fine "fresh-run" salmon of 25 pounds, which, in the course of yesterday, reached a West End fishmonger's on prime order. Within the last few days a number of Irish salmon have reached London. These, for the most part, have come from Killarney, where the season has been opened since the 1st of January. Several fine Lough Neagh trout have also been taken in many of the West End fishmongers' shops. These are considered a great delicacy, and have found a ready sale at as much as 8s. a pound. As yet, net-fishing has not commenced in Scotland. The Tay opens tomorrow, a number of other rivers on the 11th, the Tweed on the 15th, and several more Scotch waters on the 25th. The angling season has opened on many rivers throughout England, Ireland, and Scotland, but as yet little or nothing has been done.

A NEW ELECTRIC LIGHT.

From the London Times, Feb. 5.

Another step toward the solution of the question of electric lighting is represented by the sun electric light, of which a private demonstration took place yesterday afternoon at the experimental factory, No. 80 Gray's-inn road, London. The lamp shows upon this occasion was that designed for use in railway stations, mines, collieries, and the like. In this lamp, which is the invention of Mr. Harrison, carbon rods 3/8 of an inch in diameter and placed vertically are used, the positive being the top carbon and the negative the bottom one. The arc thus formed is kept by the movements of not to consist of wheels, springs, or any similar clock-work arrangement whatever. What this adjustment does consist of, however, is known only to the inventor at present. The light is a very good one, and is fairly steady. There were occasional aberrations during the inspection, but these were reasonably accounted for by the circumstance that the machine producing the light was driven from an engine which at the same time was doing a considerable amount of factory work. The current is conveyed from a Gramme continuous current machine of two-horse power. Mr. Harrison's system is stated to be capable of considerable subdivision, although this point was not demonstrated. Drawings were shown illustrating the principles of the proposed method of street illumination. This consists in the potus of light being placed in the base of the lamp standard and directed up the interior of the lamp-post on the top of which is placed a circular reflector, by means of which the light will be reflected around. There were other modifications shown which will be next described when the principles of the invention are made known.

THE REV. MR. WEBSTER'S VISION.

THE QUEBEC CLERGYMAN DESCRIBES HIS ANGELIC VISITOR.

From the Toronto Mail.

QUEBEC, Feb. 17.—The excitement of the hour is still the Rev. Mr. Webster's vision, and a local paper this morning has the following report of an interview with the reverend gentleman, who, it might be mentioned, is an Episcopalian. Mr. Webster received the reporter courteously, and by no means objected to the interviewing process, which after a few preliminary observations, was somewhat as follows:

Q.—Have you any objection to give a more detailed account of the manifestation alluded to in your sermon last night? A.—There are some particulars which I cannot make public.

Q.—Can you describe the time and manner of the apparition? A.—The vision appeared to me while in bed about 2 A. M. on Monday last, and opposite the foot of the bed, between it and the door, which I had locked before retiring.

Q.—What was the form and appearance of the vision? A.—I can best describe it by stating that the figure which appeared to me was quite plain and unmistakable. It presented a most angelic appearance, and was surrounded by a kind of halo or phosphoric light. It must have remained in the same position about half an hour, and it was evident it was attended in the room by others, which were, however, more or less observed by the prominence assumed by the central figure.

Q.—Was the appearance that of an angel, or of a disembodied spirit resembling any one with whom you were familiar? A.—I cannot say.

Q.—Then you cannot say whether you were visited by the spirit of a good man formerly resident here, some of whose relatives have surmised that such might have been the case? A.—I am unable to answer this question. Though I have an idea as to the identity, I am by no means certain, however. Even from friends in Montreal, I have received letters surmising that the vision may have been a spirit of some dead relative of the writer's in life.

Q.—Did the apparition alarm you? A.—Not in the least during its stay, which seemed to be at least half an hour.

Q.—Did you speak to the spirit? A.—No.

Q.—Did it speak to you? A.—No.

Q.—Did you not receive a message by the vision, and how? A.—The vision had a message to me, but it was not spoken. We find in visions that one which is seen never makes itself heard.

Q.—How, then, was the message communicated to you? A.—It was impressed upon me.

Q.—Do you now feel yourself at liberty to make public the purport of the message? A.—No, not at present, under any circumstances.

Q.—May further information respecting it be expected from you in the shape of new developments or further instructions from the spirit-world? A.—No.

Q.—Did you receive during the vision any revelation of faith or doctrine? A.—Not in particular, but I cannot and dare not reveal what was shown me.

In addition to the foregoing answers, the reporter elicited from the reverend gentleman the fact that down in Greek the message communicated to him; also, that after the disappearance of the apparition, he had become very much agitated, and had decided not to remain in the house at night alone. A young man has been sleeping of late at night in the adjoining room. Mr. Webster, likewise, claims that the vision has since its first appearance been seen by him twice, once on Tuesday night last, and again on the night of Friday. On each occasion he had anticipated its occurrence by having, he says, been accosted a short time the day preceding, by some unknown, but marrable sound heard by him some hours prior to its first appearance. The reverend gentleman denies most emphatically holding any views tending toward spiritualism, but is, of course, a strong believer in the possibility of the return of the spirits of departed friends. He expresses the belief that further manifestations of a like nature will be made him, and that it is his appointed mission to proclaim to men their nearness to the spirit world, and the fact that communications from the spirit-world will occasionally made in our day through visions. He confesses to have had the further anticipations of ghostly visitors, but only

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, falling, preceded by rising, barometer, northerly winds, clear or partly cloudy weather, and slowly rising temperature during the night.

Although the nomination of Mr. SMYTH was not summarily rejected yesterday—a mode of disposing of it which would have been most agreeable to all sound Republicans—it is evident from the Senate's action that it can hardly be confirmed. The matter has gone over to March 3, but even if, during that period, the Smyth faction succeed in winning all the Senators now regarded as doubtful, there would still be enough opposed to him to secure the rejection of his name. Delay, however, ought to be no advantage to him. Certainly, it will not be so if the Senators spend the time in ascertaining either the merits of the nomination or the feeling of the most respectable portion of the Republicans regarding it. It is rumored at Albany that GOV. CORNELL, *in case of SMYTH's rejection*, may take the responsibility of refusing to send another name to the Senate, thus prolonging SMYTH's term of office, but this is hardly credible. It will be a very bold act on the Governor's part, for which it is difficult to conceive any adequate motive, or any justification whatever. In the meanwhile, a bill has been introduced in the Assembly to reduce the salary of the Insurance Superintendent to $5,000, the sum appropriated last year.

The House spent most of the day yesterday in discussing the Twenty-first Rule, the interesting point of which was in the third clause, relating to the introduction of legislation into appropriation bills. Mr. CONGER succeeded in getting enough Democrats from the South and Greenbackers to vote with him to allow to Mr. STEPHENS, of Georgia, the opportunity to speak vigorously against such legislation—an opportunity which the Democrats resisted. Mr. STEPHENS took occasion, in a very forcible manner, to expose the pretense that any such practice was necessary or proper to a "redress of grievances." After his speech, the House, in Committee of the Whole, first adopted amendments which practically forbade "riders," and then substituted for these a proposition of Mr. MORRISON, of Illinois, which leaves the matter very much where it was before. It is plain that the party, as a whole, is not prepared to abandon the ground which was taken at the extra session. It remains to be seen whether the minority of the party, opposed to the folly of last Summer, is strong enough to prevent its repetition.

The report of acting Bank Superintendent Lamb in regard to the expenses of savings banks, is not creditable to the management of these institutions, as a whole, in our State. It shows that the cost of administration, compared with the volume of deposits and the number of accounts, is several times greater here than in England, and much greater than in neighboring States. There is no excuse for such a condition of things, though the explanation is not very far to seek. It lies largely in the mania which possessed savings bank managers in New-York some ten or fifteen years since to put a large part of their reserve in expensive buildings. At that time, it was reasoned, and plausibly, that such an investment would be a paying one, and it must be said for the managers that they erred in excellent company. But their mistake has proved a costly one. In nearly every case, these great buildings now yield a revenue scarcely beyond the expense which they entail. Of course, there is no way of retracing this step. The buildings are for the most part unsalable, at anything like their original cost. But that fact, as Mr. LAMB very properly remarks, only imposes an additional obligation on the Trustees to keep their other expenses down to the lowest point.

A good deal of time was spent in the Senate yesterday over the proposition to raise a special committee to consider the interoceanic canal business. Mr. BAYARD made a peculiarly solemn and impressive speech, in which he announced that no subject had recently moved the hearts of the American people so profoundly as the isthmus canal question—a statement which evinces unexpected brilliancy in Mr. BAYARD'S talent for news-gathering, and makes one believe that he has missed his vocation in not attaching himself to a Washington newspaper "bureau." Mr. CONKLING very sensibly argued that the regular Committee on Foreign Affairs could very easily take charge of the whole matter without seriously taxing their energies. Mr. EATON plaintively observed that he had been ignorant enough to suppose that that committee already had charge of it. Gen. BURNSIDE was of the opinion that no sort of real justice could be done to the Monroe doctrine unless a special committee was formed to take it under its peculiar care. No conclusion was reached, and as the Senators have twenty-four hours in which to accumulate wisdom on the subject, there is no telling when one will be reached.

It is now the turn for the Democrats to be vexed by the question of where they shall hold their National Convention. Chicago, having won with the Republican Committee, is making a bold push for the Democratic Convention as well. It is reported that this movement is favored by Mr. RANDALL, the "next friend" of Mr. TILDEN, and by Mr. BARNUM, the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Mr. THURMAN is anxious to have the choice fall upon Cincinnati, mindful of the value of local influences in other cases. Mr. BAYARD, with like motive, is understood to prefer Washington, though on what ground we cannot imagine, unless it be that the Northern and Western delegates would surrender to his friends for fear of their lives if there were a protracted contest, as Mr. BAYARD intends that there shall be before any one but himself is nominated. It is not likely, however, that Washington will be selected, and of the other cities mentioned, apart from the preferences of aspirants, Chicago appears to be the most desirable.

THE CONFEDERATION OF RAILROADS.

A new indication of the pressing importance to the commercial interests of the country of a solution of the railroad problem is to be found in the space devoted to its discussion by the Chief of the National Bureau of Statistics in his report on internal commerce. His general exposition of the growth and condition of our internal trade shows of itself the intimate connection between all our industrial interests and the means of transportation afforded by railways, and the dependence of the former in some vital respects upon an equitable management of the latter. The growth of trade and the development of the capacity of different sections to contribute to the general wealth and prosperity of the country have gone hand in hand with the extension and complex connection of lines of communication. There has been constant action and reaction between these forces, and each has served to stimulate the other, and out of their interworking has grown the vast development of our internal resources. While other interests are so bound up with the business of transportation as to be largely dependent upon its equitable conduct, and to be materially affected *by evils and abuses in its management*, their primary importance, measured by the number of persons and the amount of capital directly employed in them, outweigh enormously that of the railroads considered as corporate property and as a single agency in the operations of commerce. Hence arises the strong claim of the great commercial interests to an adequate exercise of controlling and supervisory power in their behalf. The only practicable means of exercising such power is through the enforcement of proper Legislative regulations.

Mr. NIMMO shows, not only in his own presentation of facts and arguments, but in the statements which he has drawn from a large number of leading experts, the urgent need for the exercise of authority in behalf of the public against the practically unchecked power of the railroad managers. The problem of applying this judiciously, and with due regard to all the considerations involved, is extremely difficult of solution, and will become more so the longer it is neglected. The colossal proportions of the task are the result of the rapid growth of the railroad system and its consolidation into a vast confederation, overlying the face of the country and entangled with all its varied industrial appliances. Corporations whose birth was in separate States, and whose property and action were originally subject to State jurisdiction, have extended their business over each other's lines, and have consolidated their roads and merged their capital in constantly-growing organizations, until they cover the land with a system of interlacing arteries whose currents flow undisturbed by the limits of State jurisdiction. They have accomplished what no other agency of commerce has been able to achieve, a virtual defeat of the beneficent action of the laws of competition. When competing lines have been established, a war of rates has resulted, destructive of the purposes and benefits of competition, and then the companies have resorted to combinations to sustain a tariff agreed upon between them, and, finally, when this has proved to be relatively more profitable to one than to another, they have attempted to secure their mutual interests by the device of "pooling," or apportioning, their business, in utter disregard of the wishes or the rights of customers. The competition for through business has led to unjust discriminations between places, between shippers, and between the interests of through and local traffic, and in all this the transportation business has been mainly considered, and the larger interests of the public treated as a matter of subordinate importance.

All the testimony brought together here, as well as that lately given before a Legislative committee in this State, not only shows the existence of the evils, but the necessity of the application of a remedy by some other hand than that whose manipulations have brought them into existence. It shows that the establishment of rates, the apportionment of business, and the general management of the railroad confederation have had only incidental regard for the interests of the public, and have not even been based on any principle of securing to the companies a fair return on actual investments. It throws a strong light on what was sufficiently clear before, the absolute necessity of a code of legislation and a *special tribunal which shall secure the administration* of this great industrial and commercial interest with a due regard for all the equities involved in its operation. Whether Governmental authority shall intervene can no longer be regarded as an open question; the problem to be solved is, how shall it be applied with the desired effect? It is also very clearly shown that the national aspect of the case is by far the most important. It is the connection of the railroads with commerce between States that has given rise to the chief difficulties and the greatest evils. These cannot be dissipated or rectified by information alone. Any device looking to the collection of reports and to mere advisory action is manifestly inadequate. A fuller exposition of the condition and working of railroad companies is desirable, but its chief value will be in furnishing light for the guidance of authoritative action. In itself it will accomplish little. Public opinion is too intangible and unmanageable a force to operate upon this vast confederation of railroad corporations to the production of definite results. There must be authority, backed by legislation and armed with power to enforce its decrees, and this authority must be as wide as the nation in its jurisdiction. This fact does not preclude the necessity of State action also, which should be supplementary to national action and in harmony with it. Much of the exercise of public authority must needs fall within State limits. A system of reform, to be adequate and effective, must partake of the nature of our complex Government, in which the wider interests of the Union of States are administered under national authority, and those that are limited by State boundaries are administered under State authority. Our legislators at Washington and at Albany have upon their hands a task calling for the exercise of all the wisdom they can command, and it cannot long be neglected. Nor will railroad companies display prudence by putting obstacles in their way. To force the people into a struggle for the subjection of the railway confederacy will not be the course best calculated to secure a careful regard for vested rights.

OUR COMMERCE WITH FRANCE.

The efforts which have been made in France and in this country to secure a commercial treaty between the two nations give a present importance to the economical position of the French Government. There is no doubt that the treaty proposed, if negotiated on a proper basis, would be to the advantage of many American industries, whose products are now shut out from the French market, even more completely than French products are excluded from our own. It should not be forgotten, in considering this measure, that America rests under the operation of the general tariff of France, which is practically prohibitory of everything but raw materials and food, and that we are the only nation of commercial importance that finds itself in that disadvantageous situation. Although the tariff regulated by the commercial treaties of France with other nations has been threatened with very considerable advance by a protectionist movement, the danger of such *an advance is much less than it was, and is* likely to disappear altogether. What we have to consider, therefore, is the policy of continuing barred from French markets, for which many of our manufactures are well-fitted, while other nations, our competitors, if we aspire to any foreign commerce whatever, may obtain access to these markets on favorable terms. Two principal objections have been made to a commercial treaty—one that it is a usurpation of Congressional authority over the revenues, the other that any terms which France would grant would injure portions of our home industries more than they would benefit the remainder. As to the first objection it is easily met by providing that no treaty shall go into operation, until the changes in the revenue laws which it provides for are made by Congress. Although this might prove a fatal obstacle to the treaty, it is one which ought to be met. There is neither justice nor expediency in forcing a commercial policy on the country which the representatives of the people are not prepared to accept.

As to the objection that certain industries would be unfavorably affected—and it is, of course, understood that the chief industries that complain in this connection are those of wine and silk—that is a question of fact, to be fairly considered in the negotiation and afterward in Congress. And when we say fairly considered, we mean not only with reference to the manufacturer, but with reference to the consumer as well. Both wine and silk are articles, in a general way, of luxury, and are fair subjects of taxation. No impartial country admits the former from foreign markets free of tax, and our own is probably the last in which public opinion would sanction such a policy. But the fact that both wine and silk are luxuries make the taxes levied on them, if kept at the proper point, extremely profitable to the Treasury, which is to say, to the general public. The right of the public, therefore, in this connection is of a double character. On the one hand, it is entitled to receive these articles for consumption at as low a rate as is consistent with the claim of the Government for revenue and with respect for the capital invested in their production at home; and on the other, the public may fairly ask that the duty shall not be placed so high that the revenue shall suffer greatly, even for the protection of home industries.

Moreover, in considering what are sometimes called the "vested rights" of capital in protected industries, there are several elements in the problem which are sometimes forgotten. One of these, that is the most generally overlooked, is the fact that most of our high duties were not levied distinctly as protective duties, but as duties compensating for the internal revenue taxes which were rendered necessary by the war for the maintenance of the Union. These taxes have been gradually and practically entirely removed, while the manufacturers have been allowed to continue in the enjoyment of the protection afforded by the high import duties. It would be unwise and unfair to repeal these latter at once. The manufacturers are entitled to a gradual reduction, if any is to be made. But the question of the continuance of the duties purely for the purpose of protection is an open one.

Another consideration bearing on the "vested rights" of favored industries which it is convenient to ignore, and which is very generally ignored, is the fact that though these industries may seem at present to thrive solely by the disadvantage imposed on their foreign competitors, it does not follow that, were they compelled to do so, they could not get on without this factitious aid. It seems to be generally supposed by the advocates of extreme protection, that labor, cost of raw material, and interest on capital are the only elements in the cost of production which need be compared, to arrive at a just estimate of the relative advantages enjoyed by foreign and home manufactures. But beyond these is an important element that cannot be definitely estimated, but that exists, and for which a good deal of weight is demanded. This is the power of any industry to improve its resources when compelled by competition to do so. This power develops in various directions—in the invention of superior machinery, in the organization and discipline of labor, in economy of time, exertion, and expense, in variety of product, and in the cultivation of the home demand. In all these directions, the American manufacturer has unquestionably appreciable advantages, if he chooses to avail himself of them. It is only common justice to the general consumer to take them into account in considering how far a protected interest is likely to be injured by a moderate and gradual reduction of duty.

It may well be that Congress may decide, after investigation and negotiation, that France cannot or will not offer us sufficient inducement to reduce our tariff on her products by means of a treaty. All that we insist upon is that the subject should not be dismissed off-hand and without examination. The present attitude of the French Government is, on the whole, favorable. M. TIRARD, the Minister of Commerce in the De Freycinet Cabinet, is distinctly favorable to the extension of the treaty tariffs of France, and has expressed his approbation of the attempt to negotiate a treaty with the United States. In this direction the Government is agreed, and the policy which it has announced in the Chambers is for the general establishment of treaty tariffs. Why should not the Government of the United States so far take notice of this fact as to at least fairly and fully examine the question? It can do no harm. It may lead to important commercial advantages. To refuse such an examination appears to us in the last degree an exhibition of short-sightedness and narrow-mindedness.

CONSTITUTIONALITY OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

By a law passed in 1879, Massachusetts accorded to women the right of voting for school officers, and by a law passed one or two years previous, they were made eligible to be School Commissioners. The people of this State are well disposed toward similar legislation here; a law giving to the sex, under reasonable limitations, or regulations, the power of voting for, or serving as, school officers would be generally welcome. That this has been realized in the Legislature is shown by the recommendation on the subject made by Gov. CORNELL, in his *Message, by the prompt passage of a law*, dating Feb. 12, which declares that "No person shall be deemed to be ineligible to serve as any school officer, or to vote at any school meeting, by reason of sex, who has the other qualifications now required by law," and by the readiness with which, upon suggestions that this provision would prove inadequate, a fuller and better bill, introduced by Mr. BAKER, of Monroe, was passed by the Assembly. Seventy-nine votes were recorded in its favor, to one in opposition, a sufficiently strong indication of a wide-spread demand for the change. But the friends of the measure will read with regret the latest advices from Albany, which are that a reconsideration of the bill is impending, urged on the ground that even this limited suffrage cannot, under the Constitution, be extended to women.

No doubt there are important differences between the Massachusetts Constitution and ours. There the provision is that "every male citizen of 21 years of age and upward" (of specified qualifications) shall have a right to vote in "election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators, and Representatives, and no other person shall be entitled to vote at such election." As to other officers, the instrument appears silent. Who may vote for them seems left to the judgment of the Legislature. Obviously, the Legislature is prohibited from according to women the right to vote for the officers specified, but may give it when inferior officers are in question. Quite different is the fundamental law of this State. As at present in force, it is found in amendments ratified in 1874, and is thus expressed: "Every male citizen of the age of 21 years" (of specified qualifications) shall be entitled to vote "for all officers that now are, or hereafter may be, elective by the people." Upon the one hand, this extends to officers of all kinds and classes who are elective, so that if schools are placed in charge of "elective officers" at all, the right to vote for them cannot be taken from any class of male adult citizens. But, upon the other hand, here are not, as in Massachusetts, any negative or restrictive words. The Constitution does not say that no other persons than adult males can be allowed to vote.

The view adverse to the bill, of course, is that here is a plain implication against voting by any but males; that "every male citizen may vote," fairly means that no others shall. Very probably this may be sound. It accords with the general impression. Yet opposite considerations might be urged which would well deserve attention. The language does not necessarily imply a negative. It declares the absolute, indestructible right of adult males to vote, that is all. The Legislature cannot take it from them. But a grant or declaration of a right to one class does not necessarily mean that it may not be given to another. Whether such is the meaning is a common-sense question, to be determined in view of the history of the instrument, and of the pending questions in view of which it was passed. The particular form of the constitutional provision is found in the Constitution of 1777, and has stood substantially unchanged ever since, so far as this question is concerned. In that day, a property qualification was attached to suffrage, which was, in 1826, abolished except as to colored men. But the provi*sion of 1777, like that of 1874, was that* men should have the right to vote, saying nothing one way or the other about women. If inquiry as to the history of the time should substantiate that there had not been raised, in Revolutionary times, any serious question of woman suffrage, but the exciting effort and movement was to extend political power to men generally, forbidding anything like an aristocracy or privileged class of voters, the conclusion might be that the provision is not a negative upon giving suffrage to women, but only a security that it shall not be taken from any classes of men. And there are traces in the statute-book of legislation which accords with this view. For example, the general law of public instruction, passed in 1864, enabled "every male person of full age, residing in any neighborhood or school district, and entitled to hold lands in this State, who owns or hires real property in such neighborhood or district, subject to taxation for school purposes," to vote at any school meeting held in such neighborhood or district, including voting for Trustees. This language may well include some persons not yet naturalized, and therefore not citizens. Upon any view of the Constitution which allows giving the right to vote at these meetings to men not citizens, it can be given to women.

Moreover, as our common school system is not prescribed by the Constitution, but is the creature of legislation, it does not seem impossible that the power of the Legislature to say how its managers shall be selected may not be broader than when constitutional officers are in question. Something of this sort was said in a case decided about twelve years ago, affecting Saratoga Springs. The Legislature ordained a Board of Education for that village; and, instead of providing for a popular election of members of the board, it named them outright in the law. The Village Trustees objected to this, and refused to give the Board of Education the money which the law directed they should have, for, they said, the members of such a board are village officers, and under the Constitution must be elected by the electors of the village. But Justice POTTER decided that they are not village officers, but officers who may be "appointed as the Legislature may direct."

Taking into view the delicacy and difficulty of these questions, and the general desire of the people that counsel and co-operation of women on school questions should be invited, we believe that the Legislature will best discharge its duty by passing a carefully-prepared and judicious bill embodying the object desired, and leaving its constitutionality to be determined in the Court of Appeals. The course at Albany thus far seems at once hasty and irresolute. First, a law is passed; then it is pronounced inadequate and another is hurried forward; and, lastly, this is to be withdrawn and the reform abandoned, upon an unargued suggestion that any change is unconstitutional. The courts can determine this last matter better than the committees. Let the committees frame, with deliberation, the law best expressing the popular will in 1880, and leave it to the courts to say whether this must be foreborne in def*erence to the views of 1777.*

BRADFORD VS. M'GRATH.

The action at law in which Mr. Bradford, of Clinton, Ill., is the plaintiff is certainly a novel one, and will be watched by the members of the legal profession with much interest. Mr. Bradford sues to recover $5,000 from his father-in-law as a slight compensation for the injury which the plaintiff has sustained in marrying an incomplete and unsatisfactory wife. The complaint contains a charge of fraudulent misrepresentation on the part of the father-in-law—whose name is McGrath—and of conspiracy between McGrath and his daughter to entrap the plaintiff into marriage.

The history of the case is briefly as follows: Mr. Bradford is a respectable citizen of Clinton, Ill., of about 40 years of age, and engaged in the house and sign painting business. About two years ago Mr. McGrath and his family, consisting of a wife and one daughter, moved into the town. Mr. McGrath was a retired pork person of much reputed wealth and of pleasant and genial manners. His daughter was a young lady of undeniable beauty. She was, however, very slightly lame. She could hardly be said to limp, except when she tried to walk unusually fast, and she could sit down gracefully if she gave herself plenty of time. Nevertheless, it was undeniable that she was a little lame, a fact which somewhat prejudiced the marriageable young men of the community against her.

Mr. Bradford was greatly pleased with Miss McGrath, and was a frequent visitor at her father's house, where he was treated with much cordiality. In due time he became warmly attached to the young lady, and would have unhesitatingly proposed to marry her had it not been for her unfortunate lameness. Of its precise nature he could not for a long time obtain any satisfactory information. The young lady herself shunned the subject, and beyond incidentally admitting that her "right limb" was not in all circumstances perfectly trustworthy, she refrained from satisfying her lover's curiosity. He had begun to fear that the "limb" in question was greatly inferior to the other, and was, perhaps, weak and shrunken, so that it was unfit to bear her weight. An accident, which it is unnecessary to describe, though it may be hinted that it was not wholly unconnected with a difficult descent from a particularly high carriage, proved to Mr. Bradford that his suspicion was wrong, and that the "limb" in question was, up to a certain point at all events, a model of symmetry. In fact, it was decidedly the ablest "limb" that had ever temporarily dazzled his eyes with a flash of brilliant hosiery, and Mr. Bradford went home that afternoon determined to broach the subject to Mr. McGrath and ascertain if there was really anything seriously the matter with the "limb."

It was in this connection that Mr. McGrath made the alleged false representations. He said the subject was a delicate one, and that he could not be expected to go into particulars. He added, however, that the difficulty was a very slight one, and that, for his part, he did not think that a mere stiffness of the knee, which would probably wear off in time, constituted any objection *to an otherwise exceptionally eligible young* lady. Greatly relieved by these remarks, Mr. Bradford then and there asked the honor of Miss McGrath's hand, and, with the approbation of her father, subsequently proposed to, and was accepted by, the young lady.

It was not until after his marriage that Mr. Bradford made the painful discovery which has led to his lawsuit. To his great astonishment, his wife proved to be partially cork. The fact was forced upon his attention. As he afterward remarked, "When a man's wife has got to take herself apart when she 'retires,' a man can't help suspicioning that there's something wrong." In the silence of the night, when that part of Mrs. Bradford which had gone to bed was safely sleeping, the wretched husband arose and by the light of the moon examined the rest of her, which she had left lying on the table. That it was cork there could not be the slightest doubt, and Mr. Bradford sadly perceived that he had been made the victim of misplaced confidence.

That in his indignation he should have sued Mr. McGrath was perhaps natural, but it is very doubtful if his suit will inure to the benefit of anybody but the lawyers. He may be able to prove that the defendant falsely represented that Miss McGrath was purely human, whereas she was in one important respect merely a combination of cork and steel springs. He may also prove that Mr. McGrath induced him to become his son-in-law by the pretense that Miss McGrath's lameness was due to a slight stiffness of the knee, which would very probably disappear in time. It may, furthermore, be shown that Miss McGrath was privy to this deception, and that she united with her father to conceal her cortical peculiarities, and to thereby secure a husband. But even if the plaintiff does succeed in fully proving his case, it does not follow that he can recover any damages.

The defense will undoubtedly claim that Mr. Bradford has been deceived through his own negligence, and that the maxim, *caveat emptor*, applies to a husband as well as to the buyer of a horse; that no action for damages can be brought by a man against his wife, and that hence her agreement with her father to deceive her husband does not make her father a conspirator, in the legal sense of the term. It will also be maintained that Mr. Bradford gave no valuable consideration for his wife; that Mr. McGrath never undertook to deliver to him "one (1) complete and genuine wife," and that hence, there being no contract, Mr. Bradford has no right of action.

Probably Mr. Bradford will lose his suit, and it is to be hoped, in the interests of domestic harmony, that he will lose it. If it is decided that a man who ignorantly marries a woman with a cork leg can recover damages from her father, every man who has married a woman with artificial teeth, false hair, or a figure the beauty of which is due not to nature but to art, will rush to the courts for relief—a state of things which would be contrary to public morality. Mr. Bradford, in spite of his present indignation, has no real reason for complaint. By far the greater part of his wife is genuine, and he may find that a sectional wife, who can be taken apart and put together again, is even more convenient *and desirable than a wife made, according* to the usual plan, all in one piece.

The details of the late catastrophe in the Winter Palace, at St. Petersburg, are still imperfect, but enough has been learned to establish it as the most formidable of all recent attempts upon the Czar's life. This is the second time that the famous palace has been the scene of a projected murder, in singular confirmation of the gloomy legend which clings to it. After the destruction of the building by fire in 1839, Count KLEINMICHEL, then Prime Minister, sought to gratify the Czar NICHOLAS by restoring it in an incredibly short space of time. The work proceeded night and day, and not a few of the laborers employed were killed or crippled during its progress, while many more were permanently injured by the stifling fumes of the fresh paint. It is said that the mother of one of the victims impressed a solemn curse upon the palace, saying that "as the ROMANOFFS had made it fatal to their people, so their people should make it fatal to them." This malediction, whether authentic or not, has indeed, been amply fulfilled. The ill-omened building witnessed the disgrace and expulsion of KLEINMICHEL himself only a few years later. It saw NICHOLAS die of a broken heart (by his own hand, as some say,) in one of the small rooms of the wing facing the Neva. It was the scene of an attempted assassination of the Czar in 1870, and it has now witnessed another and a deadlier one.

The obituary columns of the London papers have lately recorded the death of a gentleman who in early life, was the victim of his own mother in a most extraordinary case of imposture. The third Marquis TOWNSHEND, a highly contemptible character, married, in 1807, SARAH GARDNER, but the marriage was never consummated, and while, at her instance, a suit was pending to annul the same, she, in May, 1809, eloped with one JOHN MANGERTA, and assumed his name. By MANGERTA she had several children, and in 1828 she gave her eldest son the style of "Lord" JOHN TOWNSHEND, which he subsequently changed to that of Earl of LEICESTER, one of the titles then in the Townshend family. In December, 1829, she took her five children to church, and had them all christened by the name of Townshend, and entered as children of the Marquis of that ilk, who all this time was living obscurely in Italy, and never returned thence. In 1841 the eldest son came forward as a candidate for Parliament, and qualified as a Peer's eldest son. The next heir, a cousin, then thought it about time to intervene, and accordingly set forward the true state of affairs in a petition to the House of Lords, which resulted in that assembly declaring that the children in question were not the children of Lord TOWNSHEND. Mr. DUDLEY GARDNER, recently deceased, was one of these children. He succeeded in right of his maternal grandfather, to large estates in Cambridgeshire, and was a highly respectable country gentleman. The magnificent reredos in Ely Cathedral, one of the half dozen finest works of the kind in the world, was erected by him to the memory of his wife. It is of exquisitely-carved alabaster, and represents, in high relief, three scenes in the life of CHRIST, each scene being divided by entwined pillars of alabaster, studded with splendid Scotch pebbles, cairngrams, &c., having all the effect of jewels. The cost was $13,000, and a more exquisite memorial could not have been raised. Mr. D. GARDNER's mother married within a fortnight of Lord TOWNSHEND's death, in 1855, a Mr. LAMBERT, and died in 1856.

The literary men of Boston have combined for an immense effort, which is no less than a memorial history of that town from the earliest ecclesiical times down to the present day. The extensible cause for this work is the fact that next year will be the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first settlement of Boston, and it is thought that the quarter of a millennium birthday could be celebrated in no more fitting manner than by recording everything that has happened there before and since the early landing of the Puritans upon its hilly peninsula. The history, as might be supposed, is to be a work of considerable magnitude, and will fill, when completed, four bulky volumes. In the preparation a large number of people are now engaged, as many, in fact, as would ordinarily suffice to make an average encyclopedia. But as far as Boston is concerned, the work is to be encyclopedia in character. Almost everything, from the voyages of the explorers, CABOT and VERRAZZANO, down to the organization of the ice trade, which has a near or remote bearing *on the growth of the city*, has a separate and special place assigned to it, and is to be treated by some one who is supposed to be intimately acquainted with the subject. The list of writers has been published, and includes a large number of those who by family associations are supposed to have a peculiarly intimate knowledge of the topics of which they are to treat, as well as others who have, no doubt, acquired their information by careful researches, or personal experience. As a commemorative offering the work may prove a success, though we should hardly suppose that the book would be calculated to interest the general reader, who might well be pardoned if he hesitated before beginning so ponderous a text as deliberately reading it through. The duty of editorially supervising the construction of the history will devolve upon Mr. JUSTIN WINSOR, the Librarian of Harvard University, who has as his assistants the Rev. EDWARD EVERETT HALE, Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, and Mr. CHARLES DEANE, all of whom have special fitness for their office in consequence of previous studies.

Mr. E. H. DERBY estimates in *Harper's Monthly* that between five and six million tons of freight a year, or nearly twice the amount that passes through the Suez Canal, will eventually be carried through a ship canal between the Gulf of Mexico and the Pacific. Ten years ago, before California had developed its immense grain trade, Admiral DAVIS put the tonnage that the canal would command at 3,360,000, and computed the annual saving in the cost of freight, interest, and insurance at $99,000,000. According to Mr. DERBY's round numbers, the Pacific coast produces more than 1,000,000 tons of wheat annually. A million of tons of shipping will soon be required to transport this vast amount of grain to Europe, and in passing both ways will give the canal 2,000,000 tonnage. Another million of tonnage will be added by the extensive coasting trade between the Atlantic and the Pacific States. The commerce of the United States alone will give the canal a business equal to that which pays the Suez Canal $6,000,000 a year. The canal will be a candidate for the tea trade between China and Japan and Europe, the commerce between Europe and the Russian possessions, and that between the Atlantic States and China, Japan, and the Philippine Islands, and the products of the Pacific fisheries. The amount of tea which may annually pass through this channel is estimated at 200,000,000 pounds, whose transportation will require 100,000 tons of shipping. The Australian trade, which includes nearly 300,000,000 pounds of wool, will contribute about 300,000 tons to the business of the canal. Peru sends about 300,000 or 400,000 tons of guano yearly to Europe, while Chili exports large quantities of copper and nitrates. This commerce, with the return cargoes, and the trade of Guatemala, Mexico, and Central America, will represent at least 1,000,000 tons. Great Britain, according to Mr. DERBY's figures, requires about 200,000,000 bushels of grain yearly from other nations. About one-fifth of her wheat she draws from California and Oregon. A cargo of this is now four months *in transitu* between the Pacific coast and Liverpool. The voyage could be made through the canal in about three weeks, and many trips could be made in a year. The British Isles would thus save annually a million sterling in freight. The canal, he argues, would be the means of developing the products of the United States on the Pacific Coast, and of distributing the manufactures of Europe over the Pacific isles and shores.

GENERAL NOTES.

Fast day has been appointed in Massachusetts for Thursday, April 8.

The Boston *Journal* of Thursday says: "The Democratic City Committee last evening decided to expel none of its members who have been accused of skulduggery."

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* has come to the melancholy conclusion that there are Democrats who distrust Democrats a degree more than they distrust the Republicans.

Councilor Fogg, of Maine, Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, charged the State $61 for services and expenses as such, when, as the Republican papers declare, he did not see an Indian, but made a visit to Calais for campaign purposes solely.

The Ocala (Fla.) Banner of the 14th inst. says: "The climate of no other State in the Union than ours will warrant the young people in having picnics in the middle of Winter. This Winter has been a season rich in these festivities in this county, and on all occasions the young ladies were attired in May-day apparel."

A Halifax telegram says that three of the five children given birth to by Mrs. Adam Murray, in Picton County, Nova Scotia, on Sunday, have since died, but that the mother is doing well. The family are in very poor circumstances. The people in New-Glasgow have helped them most liberally, and have done everything possible to aid them.

The Boston *Traveller* has interviewed several prominent Massachusetts Democrats, including Josiah G. Abbott, Leopold S. Morse, Frederick O. Prince, John Quincy Adams, Charles Levi Woodbury, Charles T. Russell, and Charles P. Thompson, and finds that very many of them would prefer Bayard for their Presidential candidate. Others said Tilden.

Congressman Morse, of Massachusetts, says that if he were a Republican, and had the naming of the nominee for President, he would select the Hon. Richard W. Thompson, Secretary of the Navy, declaring him to be one of the strongest men in the Republican Party, and believing that he could carry his own State, Indiana, and certainly would carry New-York if any Republican can.

The editor of the Wheeling (West Va.) *Intelligencer*, who is visiting Washington, writes to his paper that Alexander H. Stephens weighs only 92 pounds, but congratulates himself on his great increase in avoirdupois since he first came back to Washington after the war, at which time he weighed only 71 pounds. He incidentally mentions that Mr. Stephens expressed the opinion in his presence that the Democracy cannot carry New-York, either with or without Tilden.

With its customary warmth on all party questions, the Louisville *Courier-Journal* exclaims: "A movement to locate the next National Convention at Washington is on foot. It is the scheme of designing Congressmen, who, ill-content with their success in dividing and muddling the party, want to destroy it altogether by bringing it within the range of their stupid intrigues. This should be defeated. If the committee are driven to the wall, Louisville offers them a refuge. But anywhere—Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, even the head-waters of Salt River—would be preferable to that reservoir of idiocy and rascality, Washington City."

They have been discussing the subject of manners at a meeting of a debating society in Leadville, Col., and thereupon the *Democrat*, of that lively place, remarks: "A man to prosper in Leadville for any length of time must be of a liberal, generous, whole-souled, hearty, and happy disposition. He must be open-faced, open-handed, and, withal, he must be honest. In no part of the world will a mean man be so quickly shunned as in the mountains of Colorado. A petty, jealous, spiteful little soul can never thrive at this altitude. The motto of every successful man must be to live and let live. If he sees an honest struggler below he must reach down and help him up. If he sees a man above he must not cast at him a jealous curse, but work cheerfully to level himself up to where his superior stands. It will never do to be jealous of our race. If they excel as we must give applause and not calls. In short, it can never pay to be mean."

RAISING COAL PRICES.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—Circulars were issued by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company this afternoon increasing the price of lump and steam-boat coal on board vessels at Elizabethport, N. J., to $4 75, from $4, as announced on Feb. 16, and to $4 25 from $3 75, for Port Richmond.

AFFAIRS OF THE NATION

WORK AND TALK IN CONGRESS.

REPUBLICAN BLUNDERING IN THE HOUSE—THE DEMOCRATS FIXING THE RULES TO SUIT THEMSELVES—SENATORIAL IGNORANCE OF WHAT THE SENATE HAS DONE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The contest over the adoption of Rule 21 of the new code of rules reported by the Committee on Rules was renewed in the House to-day, and after a long struggle finally resulted in a victory for the Democrats. This result may properly be attributed to the bad management of the Republicans. The efforts of the Democrats were directed to framing the rule so that, under the plea of economy, any proposition being germane to an appropriation bill, it should be in order to engraft extraneous matter on bills of that character, while the efforts of the Republicans were directed to perfecting the rule so as to exclude all propositions not legitimately relating to money bills. After several amendments from both sides had been rejected, Mr. Warner, of Ohio, offered an amendment declaring that no new legislation should be engrafted upon appropriation bills, except such as was necessary to secure the reduction of expenditures ordered in any particular item of the bill. This amendment was in substance and effect the same as that previously offered by Mr. Warner, which the Committee of the Whole rejected on Tuesday last after having adopted it in the form of a substitute to a proposition offered by Mr. Speer, of Georgia. It was again adopted to-day by a vote of 117 to 109. Subsequently, Mr. Robeson offered an amendment, which was intended to eliminate the Warner proposition, and which provided that no amendment changing the effect of existing laws should be in order. The Democrats saw in this blunder of Mr. Robeson a chance to overload the Warner amendment and joined the Republicans in voting for it, thus securing its adoption and destroying the Warner amendment. If the Republicans had been assured that those Democrats who voted with them to adopt the Warner amendment would continue to act with the Republican side in perfecting the rule, Mr. Robeson's proposition would have been proper, but inasmuch as it was apparent that such reliance could not be placed on the Democrats, it would have been better for the Republicans to have held fast to the good already secured by the Warner amendment, rather than risk it by attempting new conquests. The adoption of Mr. Robeson's amendment antagonized the Liberal Democrats to the rule as thus amended, and prepared them to vote for any proposition emanating from their party friends calculated to destroy it. After several unsuccessful efforts by Mr. Mills, of Texas, to secure amendments to the rule intended to permit the Customs, internal revenue, and banking laws to be amended or repealed on appropriation bills, Mr. Morrison offered an amendment to make it in order to amend appropriation bills by reducing the numbers and compensation of United States officers, and to permit those committees having charge of the subject matter of any amendment adopted on an appropriation bill to offer amendments changing existing law to meet the reduction of expenditures directed in the bill, which was adopted, and in this shape rule 21 was passed. It is probable that when the action of the Committee of the Whole is reported to the House, the Morrison amendment will be disagreed to, and that the rule as reported by the Committee on Rules will be adopted.

If Messrs. Garfield and Robeson could be induced to permit Mr. Frye to manage and direct the Republican side, the Democrats would not so frequently gain advantages in the House. With 10 or 12 Democrats and all the Greenbackers disposed to perfect the twenty-first rule so as effectually to preclude special legislation from appropriation bills, there can be no excuse for the blundering management of Messrs. Garfield, Robeson, and a few others on the Republican side who are ambitious for leadership. Before beginning the consideration of the rules to-day, Mr. Stephens asked permission to address the House on the evils of the practice of placing riders on general appropriation bills, but objection was made on the Democratic side. Mr. Conger thereupon moved to go into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union for the purpose of enabling Mr. Stephens to speak on the subject indicated by him, which was adopted by 3 majority. Mr. Stephens made an earnest speech against special legislation on appropriation bills, and particularly condemned attempts to inject partisan measures into such bills, and to coerce the Executive into signing them by threatening to withhold supplies. His remarks were attentively listened to by both sides, and were frequently applauded by the Republicans.

A portion of the debate in the Senate last Wednesday shows how ignorant such an eminent body may be of its own acts, even when those acts have been performed so recently that it seems impossible that they could have been forgotten. In going through the calendar a bill was taken up which authorizes the appointment of William English to be a Second Lieutenant in the Army. English became a cadet at West Point in June, 1875, but owing to domestic afflictions was compelled to neglect his studies, and his failure to pass an examination caused his discharge in June, 1876. The law forbids the appointment of a discharged cadet to the Army until after the graduation of his class, and after eligible non-commissioned officers have been provided for. An enabling act was sought for in this case, inasmuch as it appeared that English deserved an appointment. In the Senate Mr. Edmunds called for the reading of a report on the case which had been submitted by Mr. Randolph, of the Committee on Military Affairs, on Jan. 12. This report was simply an indorsement of a report made in the Forty-fifth Congress and was favorable one. The bill was gravely discussed and amended by prominent Senators, and Mr. Edmunds considered the proposed action something very serious in its nature. Mr. Randolph and Mr. Maxey supported the bill, and Mr. Randolph asserted that its passage was necessary, because, under the existing law, the President has no power to appoint him to a Second Lieutenancy. After consuming considerable valuable time the bill went over, because of the expiration of the morning hour. If the Senators will consult the records of their Executive Clerk, they will discover that this same William English was nominated for a Second Lieutenancy by the President Jan. 7, 1880, and confirmed by the Senate Jan. 13, one day after Mr. Randolph's report was submitted. It seems strange that the Senate, and especially the committee which had just reported on his case, so completely forgot what had been done as to cover a page of the *Record* with arguments which their own records could have rendered unnecessary.

The morning business in the Senate to-day was brushed aside in order that a decision might be reached, if possible, upon the Interoceanic canal question, which has succeeded in setting the Democratic Senators by the ears, if it has not inspired the nation with a desire to thrust De Lesseps and his engineers into the Caribbean Sea. The pending motion to reconsider the passage of Mr. Gordon's resolution, by which he had pushed himself between Mr. Groome and a Chairmanship, was passed, but Mr. McDonald's demand for a continuation of the debate upon the Military Land Warrant bill cut short the discussion just when it seemed that a decisive vote was near at hand. The matter was considered in open session, unexpectedly, because an agreement had been made to confine the debate strictly to the difference between Mr. Davis and Mr. Gordon in relation to the expediency of creating a committee; but Mr. Davis and several other Senators got outside of this agreement, for Mr. Davis could not resist the temptation to criticise Mr. Gordon's first resolution as almost the same as a declaration of war, and Mr. Burnside took occasion to reassert what he had said in his speech at the beginning of the session in regard to the Monroe doctrine. There was a strong sentiment manifested in the remarks of Mr. Conkling, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Garland in favor of placing the whole subject in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Relations. It was made plain that that committee had plenty of time for its consideration, and could very appropriately take charge of it. Mr. Eaton sarcastically remarked that in his innocent simplicity he had expected the subject would be given to the Foreign Relations Committee, and had therefore taken steps to secure the necessary information. At Mr. Conkling's suggestion, he promised to offer as an amendment a substitute for Mr. Gordon's resolution, which would bring the whole matter into that committee's hands. Mr. Bayard doubted if at any time in the history of the country a subject had so filled the minds of the American people, and he desired to see the Senate reflect the almost unanimous sentiment of the nation by taking a corresponding interest. He was unwilling to take any action which would indicate a decrease of interest or a difference of opinion in relation to a subject underlying which was the great question of continental power. At the close of his speech there was hardly any opposition to a postponement of the debate. The question has been under consideration by a special committee in the House for some days, and an attempt will soon be made to induce the House to indorse an affirmation of the Monroe doctrine in startling terms. It is understood that Mr. Frye, of the committee, will submit to the House to-morrow a resolution declaring that the United States will not allow any foreign power to build a canal on the Isthmus, and will insist upon controlling and regulating any canal there built by a foreign company or by foreign capital.

In the Senate to-day, Mr. Eaton introduced the petition of the New-York Chamber of Commerce, reaffirming the opinion of that body expressed to Congress in 1876, that it is wise, just, and expedient to return to the Government of Japan such portion of the Japanese indemnity fund as remains after making equitable compensation to Americans interested therein, and urging that such restoration should be made without unnecessary delay.

JAY GOULD'S LOBBY SCHEMES.

EFFORTS TO SECURE LEGISLATION OPENING THE INDIAN TERRITORY TO SETTLEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—During the present session of Congress the lobby agents of Jay Gould have been actively engaged in pushing the scheme to open the Indian Territory to settlement. The bill to give that Territory organization under the name of Oklahoma was the favorite scheme of the jobbers, but the opposition of the better class of Congressmen, aided by leading newspapers, has thus far prevented success. The Oklahoma bill was introduced in the Forty-fifth Congress, and defeated by a direct vote in the House Committee on Territories. The bill was introduced in the present Congress, and the House Committee on Territories, to which it was referred, placed it in charge of a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Muldrow, Frost, and Humphrey. This sub-committee recently reported the bill adversely to the full committee, which report was approved. It was supposed that this negative action would end the matter, but it seems that Gould's agents have succeeded in reviving the scheme and securing a reversal of the former action of the committee. At the meeting of the committee to-day there were present Messrs. Muldrow of Mississippi, Cravens of Arkansas, Martin of West Virginia, Frost of Missouri, Aldrich of Illinois, and Young of Ohio, a bare majority. Mr. Frost moved to reconsider the vote by which an adverse report on the Oklahoma bill was adopted, and this being agreed to a movement was made to substitute Senator Vest's bill for that of the House. Mr. Muldrow, Chairman of the committee, directed attention to the small attendance at the meeting, and suggested that the matter be postponed until the next meeting of the committee. He also urged the absence of Mr. Humphrey, who was a member of the sub-committee which had considered and reported the bill adversely, as an additional reason for postponement. This was resisted, and without any discussion whatever, and without even reading the bill of Mr. Vest, it was adopted by the following vote: Yeas—Messrs. Cravens, Martin, Frost, and Young; nays—Messrs. Muldrow and Aldrich. The Vest bill differs from that now pending before the Senate Committee on Territories, a synopsis of which was published in THE TIMES of Monday last, the latter being in the nature of a substitute for Vest's bill. The Senate bill provides for giving the Indians of the five nations of the Indian Territory homesteads of 160 acres of land, and for the sale and settlement of the surplus lands. The consent of the Indians is made a condition precedent to its operation, but the Gould management expect to secure this consent by these methods peculiar to their system of operations. Nothing contained in the Senate bill authorizes a Territorial organization, but with the lands of the Indian Territory thrown open to settlement, a Territorial Government would soon follow.

EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS.

THE WORK OF THE PEABODY TRUSTEES—NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL WORK.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund to-day, Chief-Justice F. C. Manning, of Louisiana, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy in the Board occasioned by the death of Gen. Richard Taylor. It is not probable that the board will hold a session to-morrow, as their business is about completed. Mr. G. Peabody Russell, the Secretary of the board, says that the income of the fund has been principally devoted to common schools throughout the South. In the last year, however, it has been expended largely in the interest of normal schools, seminaries, &c. Should a meeting of the board be held to-morrow, the Secretary thinks that a memorial to Congress will be prepared, advocating legislation in behalf of the education of colored children in the South.

The Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association convened in this city to-day. Representatives were present from almost every State in the Union. Mr. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution that a committee of 10 be appointed to take into consideration the formation of a National Council of Education, to report a plan of organization to the Board of Directors of the National Teachers' Association, at their meeting at Chautauqua, N. Y., in July next. The resolution was adopted and the Chair appointed as the committee Messrs. Bicknell, of Massachusetts; Wilson, of the District of Columbia; Wickersham, of Pennsylvania; Harris, of Missouri; Hoger, of Massachusetts; Tarbell, of Indiana; Carleton, of Connecticut; Swart, of Indiana; Shepherd and Orr, of Georgia. Papers were read on the education of children who are neglected by their parents, after which a recess was taken until evening.

THE CAPITOL FRESCO-PAINTER DEAD

SIGNOR BRUMIDI'S UNFINISHED WORK ON THE FRIEZE OF THE ROTUNDA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The last work upon which Signor Brumidi, the artist, who died in this city to-day, at the age of 74, was engaged, was the adornment of the frieze of the rotunda of the Capitol with a series of allegorical cartoons. This work was interrupted some time ago by a fall which Brumidi had, and since that time the staging has remained suspended against the frieze without an occupant. The frieze is 10 feet high and 360 feet in circumference, and the stage hangs 96 feet above the floor. The cartoons already on the walls fill about half of the frieze, and their subjects are "America and History," "The Landing of Columbus," "Cortez and Montezuma," "Pizarro-Going to Peru," "Burial of De Soto," "Pocahontas Rescuing Capt. Smith," "Landing of the Pilgrims," and "Settlement of Pennsylvania." One representing the colonization of New-England is on the walls, but unfinished. The artist had intended to place upon the remainder of the frieze the following subjects: "Oglethorpe and the Muscogee Chief," "Battle of Lexington," "Declaration of Independence," "Surrender of Cornwallis," "Col. Johnson and the Death of Tecumseh," "American Army Entering the City of Mexico," and "The Discovery of Gold." The gentleman most prominently mentioned as Brumidi's successor in this work is John La Farge, of New-York, the decorator of Trinity Church in Boston. A Venetian fresco-painter named Steinpovitch, of New-York, has also been mentioned to the committee in charge. Brumidi had done a great deal of work in the Capitol, and for the allegorical painting which adorns the canopy of the dome he received $40,000. It is said that the Government secured his services on the frieze for $6 a day.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

A MODIFIED ORDER REGARDING CIGARS—ORDERS TO OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The War Department has issued a modified general order relative to the purchase of cigars for the use of the Army. The order as amended states that at military posts where cigars cannot be purchased at reasonable prices otherwise than through the Subsistence Department, they may be furnished by the department upon the same requisitions and purchased and accounted for in the same manner, as has been prescribed by the Commissary-General of Subsistence, under authority conferred for the purchase and sale of other subsistence stores to officers and troops.

First Lieut. Henry M. Benson, Seventh Infantry, has been granted indefinite leave of absence on account of disability. Major Francis S. Dodge, Paymaster, has been assigned to temporary duty in the office of the Paymaster-General at Washington. The leave of absence granted First Lieut. William Ennis, Fourth Artillery, has been extended one month. Leave of absence for four months, on Surgeon's certificate of disability, has been granted Second Lieut. Charles A. Foster, Third Artillery. Commissary Sergt. Henry Goodrich has been ordered from duty at Fort Niagara, N. Y., to proceed without delay to Fort Johnston, N. C., to relieve Commissary Sergt. John V. Seyton, who will take the place vacated by Goodrich. Hospital Steward Penhori, now stationed at Willett's Point, New-York Harbor, has been granted six months' furlough, with permission to go beyond the sea. The leave of absence granted Major E. V. Sumner, Fifth Cavalry, has been extended one month, and that of Lieut.-Col. Whistler, Fifth Infantry, has been extended to April 15, on account of disability.

Medical Director Edward Hippen has been appointed a member of the board which meets in Philadelphia on March 1 to examine candidates for admission and promotion in the medical corps of the Navy. Surgeon William J. Simon has been ordered to duty at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. Lieut. John F. Merry has been detached from special duty at Washington and placed on waiting orders. Surgeon Thomas N. Penrose from the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va., and ordered as a member of the Medical Examining Board, to act in the capacity of Recorder.

The practice-ship Mayflower is soon to be sent to the Norfolk Navy-yard for docking.

Gunner Cornelius Cronin, of the United States steam-ship Minnesota, has been granted one month's leave of absence. Assistant Naval Constructor G. F. Mallett has been ordered to resume his regular duties at the Portsmouth Navy-yard.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19, 1880.

The receipts from internal revenue, to-day, were $363,797 45, and from Customs, $679,587.

The Treasury Department to-day purchased 494,000 ounces of fine silver for the San Francisco, New-Orleans, and Philadelphia mints.

The report of Assistant Secretary French on the cattle disease known as pleuro-pneumonia will probably be sent to Congress this week. He recommends the appointment of a commission, with legislative powers, to take the subject into consideration. The report shows that the disease has been most prevalent in Massachusetts, New-York, New-Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Many inquiries have recently been made at the Treasury Department, especially from persons living in the West, asking whether the Government has offered a large premium for a silver half-dollar coined in 1823. An official statement has been prepared for publication which says: "The Government pays no premium on any of its coins, and redeems them under certain regulations at their face value only, regardless of the year of coinage."

The Postmaster-General issued an order to-day forbidding the delivery of registered letters and money-orders to Smalley & Gale, No. 35 Broadway, New-York, who are said to be engaged in fraudulent stock operations. A general order will be issued to-morrow cutting down the mail service on all the "star routes" to one trip a week. The order is to go into effect on the 1st of March. The object of the department in taking this action is simply to keep the expenditures for the star service within the limits of the appropriation for the present fiscal year, pending the further action of Congress.

The Committee on Pacific Railroads to-day received the report of the sub-committee to which was referred a petition asking the repeal of the twenty-second section of "An act to incorporate the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company," and to declare the rights, franchises, and lands granted in said section to the New-Orleans, Baton Rouge and Vicksburg Railroad Company forfeited, and that said section be reenacted in favor of the New-Orleans and Pacific Railroad Company. The report favored the petition, and was accompanied by a bill embodying the desired legislation. Representative Ellis was instructed to report it to the House, with a request that it be printed and recommitted.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads heard an argument by Representative Gillette, of Iowa, to-day in favor of his bill to regulate the letting of mail contracts, and decided to report adversely upon it. The Chairman was instructed to correspond with Gen. Woodford, United States District Attorney at New-York, with a view of obtaining full information in regard to the suit against Postmaster James, in which the plaintiff, Christopher C. Campbell, obtained judgment for $60,000 for the alleged use of his patented machine for the cancellation of stamps; the information being desired previous to any action by the committee upon the bill providing for an appropriation to pay the patentee for the use of his machine.

The Senate Committee on the Freedman's Bank met to-day. Anson M. Sperry, General Field Agent and Inspector of Branches, testified to the solvency of the bank and to the marvelous increase of its business from its establishment up to 1874, the time of its failure. The deposits had grown from $300,000 in 1866, to $31,000,000 in 1872, and to $55,000,000 in 1874. The cause of the bank's failure was primarily, the violation of the charter on entering general business in the branches, which opened the doors to wild speculations in real estate loans and other doubtful securities. It was never known the bank to sustain a loss through the dishonesty of colored men in charge of any of the branches. Marshal Frederick Douglass, formerly President of the bank, resumed his testimony, from which it appeared that during his short administration he had been able to gain but little insight into the affairs of the concern.

MR. BERGH AGAINST VIVISECTION.

ALBANY, Feb. 19.—Henry Bergh delivered a long address before a joint committee of both houses to-day, advocating the passage of a bill to abolish vivisection. His argument was intended to show that the mutilation of dumb animals by scientific men was not necessary to the advancement of science, and he cited cases where living dogs had been "cut to pieces" merely to illustrate the palpitation of the heart. From long and close observation of the canine race, he was at times tempted to believe that these animals possessed souls, for he discovered in their intelligence the phenomena which existed in himself. Whatever conclusions might be reached on that point, it could not be denied that animals possessed the sense of feeling, for feeling did not depend on intellect. When a patriot or martyr was brought to the stake, he was enabled "to endure the rack or flame by the high and holy thoughts" which occupied his mind. The consciousness of his own rectitude armed him with invincible patience, but what was there to cheer the poor animal under the knife of the vivisector. After applying a most thorough system of torture to an animal, what was gained? Three surgeons were of one opinion, and the remainder of the party disagreed with them. He thought the inevitable consequence of perusing works treating of medical science, was astonishment at the conflicting opinions of its disciples. Great discoveries in medical science, he contended, were not made by vivisection. Harvey, to whom had doubtfully been assigned the discovery of the circulation of the blood, had left on record the fact that it was reflection which led to the discovery. He used magnifying-glasses, and thus saw the pulsations of the heart in the transparent bodies of insects. Mr. Bergh characterized the slaughter of animals by vivisection as useless and wicked, and "a demoralizing spectacle to a rising generation."

A WIFE-BEATER ARRESTED.

William Y. Bowden, a truckman, residing at No. 318 West Seventeenth-street, who is said by the Police to be an incorrigible wife-beater, was brought before Justice Otterbourg, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, for stabbing and beating his wife, Elizabeth Bowden. The complaint is a weak, sickly-looking woman, while the defendant is a tall, burly man. He has been arrested several times for beating his wife, and was discharged from the Work-house but a few days ago, where he had been sent for an assault on his wife. Yesterday afternoon he began to abuse and beat the poor woman, and finally assaulted her with a carving-knife, stabbing her in the hand, inflicting a severe wound. He was arrested by Officer Morgan Thomas, of the Sixteenth Precinct, and Justice Otterbourg committed him to prison in default of $500 bail.

A PREDICTION VERIFIED.

James Slater, a milkman, aged 40 years, living on Twelfth-avenue, near East Twenty-fourth-street, Paterson, N. J., drank a glass of milk on Wednesday night, remarking as he did so that that was the last time he would eat or drink. Yesterday morning he went out to the cow-shed to look after the cows, and not returning for an hour, his wife sent a boy to see what kept him. On opening the door, which was fastened, Slater's body swung out and dropped to the ground. He had hanged himself with a piece of clothes line which broke just as the door was opened. He had evidently been dead nearly an hour. He had shown indications of mental unsoundness of late.

THE WINTER PALACE PLOT

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE CZAR AND HIS FAMILY.

AN ACCIDENTAL DELAY OF DINNER SAVES THEIR LIVES—ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THE EXPLOSION—SEVERAL SUSPECTED PERSONS ARRESTED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 19.—The *Novoe Vremya* publishes particulars of the attempted assassination of the Imperial family, showing that the dinner was appointed for 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening. If it had not been accidentally delayed, all would have been seated at the moment of the explosion. As it was, their escape was very narrow. The Emperor, accompanied by the Princes of Hesse and Bulgaria, was about to enter the dining-hall through one door, and the other members of the imperial family, except the Empress, by another, when the explosion took place. Two servants who were in the dining-hall were injured. The force of the explosion was such that a number of windows of the palace and adjacent houses were shattered, the gas was blown out, and complete darkness prevailed. The bodies of two more soldiers have been found among the débris, and of the 45 injured, several have since died.

Gen. Gourkho, Governor-General of St. Petersburg, was engaged at the Winter Palace during the whole of the night of the 17th inst., investigating the circumstances connected with the explosion. It has been ascertained that the dynamite was fired by an electric battery, and that several pounds of that explosive must have been used. The cellars of the palace have long been used for storing purposes, and appear to have been occupied by four workmen, three of whom have been arrested. The fourth man is missing. Many arrests have been made in the Winter Palace and its immediate neighborhood.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The *Times* says: "We understand that the Duke of Edinburgh has received a telegram from the Duchess of Edinburgh, who was in the Winter Palace at the time of the explosion. A telegram from Lord Dufferin, British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has also reached the Foreign Office here, but no details are furnished in either case beyond the confirmation of the fact of the explosion."

The *Morning Post* says: "We learn that the Czarina was asleep in another wing of the palace at the time of the catastrophe, and was not disturbed by the explosion, of which she remains in ignorance."

A dispatch from a St. Petersburg correspondent this afternoon says: "Information which has come to my knowledge establishes a connection between the late attempt upon the life of the Czar and the arrest of some 40 inmates of the Winter Palace on Monday last—the day before the explosion."

The *Times* this morning, in a leading editorial article, says: "The central authority of the Czar must be upheld, if that order is to be maintained, which is an indispensable condition of further progress. Conspiracies like this must be punished with sufficient severity to crush them, but if, in conjunction with these necessary measures, the Czar pursues a course of gradual reforms, he may entertain a reasonable hope that these horrors will pass away."

Statements regarding the explosion were made in both Houses of Parliament to-day, but the Government could give no information in addition to that contained in the press dispatches. Lord Beaconsfield, in alluding to the subject, said the Duchess of Edinburgh, who is now in St. Petersburg, refused to quit the scene of so much domestic suffering.

The City Common Council of the City of London, by a vote of 72 to 45, to-day rejected a motion for an address of congratulation to the Czar on his escape from assassination.

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The Emperor William, Prince Frederick Charles, Gen. Von Moltke, the Ambassadors, the members of the Ministry, and the chief dignitaries of the Court and State were present to-day at the thanksgiving service held for the escape from assassination of the Czar.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A Berlin dispatch reports that among those who decamped after the explosion in the Winter Palace is the Captain of the Palace Guard.

EUROPEAN STATE AFFAIRS.

MONTENEGRO'S TERRITORIAL CLAIMS—THE CUBAN BUDGET—MARTIAL LAW IN TURKEY.

VIENNA, Feb. 19.—Prince Nicholas of Montenegro has addressed a further note to the powers, stating that he is disposed to enter into negotiations upon the question of accepting other Turkish territory instead of Gusinje and Plava.

ROME, Feb. 19.—The Italian Chamber of Deputies has re-elected Signor Farini President.

MADRID, Feb. 19.—In Congress to-day, Señor Elduayen, Minister of the Colonies, read the Cuban budget. The ordinary expenditure is reported at 37,500,000 pesetas, and the extraordinary at 10,000,000 pesetas. Various new taxes are to be imposed during the continuance of the war. Authorization is asked to contract a loan for repaying advances made by the Hispano-Colonial Bank, covering the deficit and unifying the debts. The amount of the loan is not stated, but is believed to be 60,000,000 pesetas. *El Liberal* says it is probable that Señor Elduayen will become Minister of Foreign Affairs as soon as the Cuban budget is voted.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: "The Turkish papers say that martial law has been proclaimed here. The measure can only affect the Turkish population, as Europeans are protected by the capitulations. It is understood that the proclamation has been issued with a view to preventing disturbances in carrying out the military reforms."

BERLIN, Feb. 19.—The Reichstag to-day resumed debate on the budget. Herr Volkardorff, Conservative, declared himself in favor of biennial budgets, but urged the expediency of annual sessions of the Reichstag. He said the increase of the Army was rendered necessary by changes in the political situation. It was not from fear of a war of revenge on the part of France that the Government thought it requisite to increase the Army, but from consideration of what was passing in the country bordering Germany on the east. The shameless Nihilists who were pursuing the Czar with their crimes were the same Pan-Slavists who declared in Berlin that they desired to take possession of Constantinople. Herr Bamberger announced his intention, when the budget came up on its second reading, to revert to the suspension of sales of silver.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Berlin says the Socialist Deputies, Bebel and Bader, stated in the Reichstag to-day that German Socialism had no connection whatever with Russian Nihilism.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons to-day the Chancellor of the Exchequer, replying to a question, said there was no intention of resuming the negotiations regarding the silver question started by the United States and discussed at the Paris Conference.

Herr Lasker, the Prussian National Liberal leader, who proposes to make a prolonged visit to the United States, has written to a friend in England that he will have to postpone his projected tour, for political reasons. He has been suffering from nervous exhaustion and rheumatism, but is sufficiently recovered to attend to his public duties.

Mr. Maddick, publisher, and J. and E. Judd, printers, of the *Sporting and Dramatic News*, appeared in the Bow-Street Police Court to-day to answer a charge of libel, preferred by the Right Hon. E. Dwyer Gray, Lord Mayor of Dublin, in the publication of an article from which the following is an extract: "How that mischievous, ill-conditioned burlesque of a legislator, Gray, is descended we don't know; nor, seeing his character so apparent, does it much matter. The guests who had been obliged to accept his invitation to the Mansion House are to be warmly congratulated on their escape from such humiliating business as this dinner must have been." The case was adjourned till Saturday next.

The House of Commons to-night went into committee on the Irish Relief bill. The amendment to the third clause, moved by Mr. Shaw, (Home Ruler,) for the purpose of permitting Boards of Guardians to execute under loan, and with the sanction of the local Government Board, works of drainage, improvement of waste lands, widening and deepening rivers, &c., was rejected by a vote of 109 to 89.

CLONMEL, Ireland, Feb. 19.—Four bailiffs, accompanied by a large force of Police, to-day distrained cattle for rent on a farm in the County of Waterford, occupied by a widow. A crowd of 500 persons overpowered the Police and recaptured the cattle. The ringleaders of the mob will be summoned for assault.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 19.—Sir Fossacey Colley, private secretary of the Viceroy of India, has been appointed Governor and High Commissioner of Natal, and commander of the troops in the neighboring district.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—The Duc D'Auditret-Pasquier was received into the French Academy on Thursday. His reception was a very brilliant affair.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The *Standard* states that the difficulty between Mr. Plimsoll and Messrs. Russell and Onslow, in regard to Mr. Plimsoll's handbill reflecting upon the other two gentlemen for their objections to his bill for loading grain in bags, has been settled by Mr. Plimsoll promising to read in the House of Commons, to-day, a statement expressing regret, and withdrawing the objectionable phrases.

A dispatch from Geneva states that the boring of the St. Gothard Tunnel will probably be finished in 12 days.

A dispatch from Teheran reports that Gen. Mouravieff has arrived at Tschikisiar, where he takes the place of Gen. Terschkasoff. An army of 32,000 Tekes is at Geok-Tepe, and a desperate resistance has been decided upon.

The Duchess of Marlborough has written to the *Times*, denying certain statements that her fund goes exclusively into the hands of the Roman Catholic clergy for distribution. She says the fund is fairly divided.

AN AMERICAN BANQUET AT PARIS.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—A grand banquet in honor of Gen. Fairchild, on the eve of his departure for Spain, was given to-night by the American colony. Three hundred covers were laid. Several toasts were given in honor of President Hayes. Mr. Hitt, Secretary of the American Legation, was Chairman, and offered the toast to the health of President Grévy. Messrs. Fairchild and Dana gave accounts of the relations of the United States with other powers. Gen. Reynolds and the Director of Naval Payments toasted the American Army and Navy. Gen. Read, offering a sentiment in honor of the French and American Republics, spoke of them as sisters. Senator Foucher De Careil made a speech, and Mr. Hitchcock proposed the toast to the American ladies.

BUSINESS MATTERS ABROAD.

ARGENTINE BONDS DEPRESSED—WOOL SALES—THE CONDITION OF THE SILK TRADE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The *Daily Telegraph*, in its financial article this morning, says: "Argentine Government bonds are depressed by the rumor that a telegram has been received announcing the intention of the Executive at Buenos Ayres to disarm the civil population in view of the approaching Presidential contest."

The *Telegraph* also says: "The first series of the colonial wool sales of the current year was opened on Tuesday evening with a crowded attendance of representatives from all the chief centres of consumption. The offerings comprised 7,996 bales, chiefly Cape and South Australian. The biddings were brisk and animated. All Australian descriptions ruled 10 to 15 per cent. above November and December rates, but Cape produce was only about 5 to 7 per cent. higher. Wednesday's offerings were 9,605 bales, almost exclusively Australian. The biddings from all sections of the trade were very brisk and spirited. Tuesday's prices being fully maintained. The present series of sales will last until the 22d of March. The arrivals up to the 17th inst. were 198,993 bales, of which about 22,000 bales—10,000 Australian and 12,000 Cape—have been forwarded direct to the interior, to the Continent, and to America."

Ten thousand four hundred bales of wool were sold this evening—principally Australian and Port Phillip—at the extreme opening prices. The bidding was brisk. The tendency of the market is still upward. It is expected that 250,000 bales will be offered during the present series of sales.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Mr. Peixotto, United States Consul at Lyons, France, in a despatch to the Department of State, dated Jan. 25, transmits a valuable report on the past, present, and probable future condition of the silk trade in Europe. He says the political affairs of England and of Russia have had considerable effect during the past year on that trade. Germany has suffered from various economical causes, and is struggling to restrict her production to home consumption. The nobles and proprietors of Austria have been compelled to economize in the use of the finer fabrics. Austria, following the example of the United States, has by her tariff regulations maintained a better degree of prosperity than other countries. Italy and Spain have suffered from bad crops. Everywhere the demand for silk goods has been limited to modest colors. Since fashion has favored mixed stuffs in place of rich and pure silks, Lyons has made great efforts to use other materials in order to sustain the labor of her 160,000 workers.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

The spoon factory, comprising a portion of the Booth and Hayden Works, of Waterbury, Conn., was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. About 100 hands were employed in this department, which consisted of a large four-story brick building, and at the time contained an unusually large stock of plated ware. The total loss is estimated at $150,000, over $100,000 of this being in finished goods, which were lightly insured. The total insurance on building, machinery, and stock is $52,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

William Strang's livery stable, formerly used as a gymnasium, on Van Houten-street, Paterson, N. J., was almost wholly destroyed by fire last night. The horses and carriages were saved with difficulty. The fire communicated to the extensive shirt mills on Broadway, but by hard labor they were saved, and the adjoining dwellings also. Strang's loss on stock is $1,000. The building was owned by the Gymnasium Association. Loss, $2,000; partly insured.

At 11 o'clock last night flames were discovered issuing from the basement window of a two-story frame building on Nelson-avenue, Jersey City Heights, owned and occupied by Charles B. Gross. The fire spread so rapidly that, before the Fire Department had responded the whole building was on fire. The flames were fanned to adjoining houses, and at midnight the whole block was in danger.

A dwelling-house at No. 227 West Grand-street, Elizabeth, N. J., occupied by Cornelius Carlton, was destroyed by fire between 10 and 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Loss, $1,000. The building belonged to John E. Stevens, of the New-York Methodist Book Concern. A defective flue is supposed to have started the flames.

A dredging-machine belonging to William Beard, lying at the foot of Dwight-street, Brooklyn, took fire from an over-heated stove last evening, and was destroyed, causing a loss of $12,000. Fully insured.

ACCIDENTS TO VESSELS.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Cordova, Capt. Jackson, from New-Orleans, Jan. 24, has arrived at Liverpool. She had her boats damaged and lost her rail.

The Anchor Line steamer Scotia, Capt. Spittal, which arrived at Bristol yesterday from New-York, lost her boats during the passage.

The Anchor Line steamer Trinacria, Capt. White, from Marseilles, Jan. 10, by way of Gibraltar, Feb. 4, for New-York, has put back to Gibraltar, her cargo having shifted.

The steamer Monarch, Capt. Thompson, which left Newcastle on Jan. 31, for New-York, has returned, having been compelled to put back by heavy weather. The upper part of the vessel is a complete wreck, and almost all of the crew were injured.

The Belgian steamer Switzerland, Capt. Anderson, before reported at Antwerp, from New-York, had her decks swept and lost boats. One man was lost overboard and several men were injured.

The British ship Thomas Stevens, Capt. Richards, before reported at Queenstown, from San Francisco, had her decks swept, boats smashed, and cabin completely gutted.

The German ship Gustav and Oscar, Capt. Hartman, from New-York for Bremen, which was ashore at Nieuwe Diep, but floated, is leaky.

WINTER NAVIGATION OF THE HUDSON.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Feb. 19.—Several tug-boats have arrived here from New-York during the past two days, and others, with barges in tow, passed going north to-day. The boats did not experience any difficulty with the ice. The barge line here and the Poughkeepsie propellers are preparing to make their first trip March 1. The Haverstraw and Sing Sing boats also expect to start running soon. The first sloop going north passed to-day. No ice of any consequence is in the Hudson for several miles above Rhinebeck, except in the Highlands. The ice there does not interfere with navigation.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARINERS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Notice is given by the Light-house Board that on and after March 15, 1880, the lights known as Amelia Island north range beacons will be changed, and a new range established, for crossing the bar in the best water, at the entrance to Fernandina Harbor, Fla. The new lights will be octostric, fixed, red, and will be shown from skeleton frame towers, pyramidal in form, the front one white, the rear one white and black. In entering the harbor, keep the lights in range until the Amelia Island main light bears south-south-west. The bar is then crossed, and the vessel may be headed toward the entrance to Cumberland Sound.

MARKSMEN'S CONTEST.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 19.—Several marksmen from the Shrewsbury and Long Branch Gun Clubs contested for a handsome pigeon-cup here to-day. The conditions were 25 entrances, eight pigeons each, 28 yards rise, H. and T. traps, John Dungan, of Red Bank, was the winner, killing six straight.

MATAWAN, N. J., Feb. 19.—The regular monthly contest of the Midway Gun Club was held at Mount Pleasant this afternoon. The first match was for a spring pigeon-gun, to be won four times, the conditions being 10 birds each, 21 yards rise, H and T trap, single barrel. There were several ties. James Van Brockle finally won the gun by a score of 22 birds out of a possible 30. The Club's Badge same conditions, was won by George Waite, who killed 9 birds out of a possible 10.

THE RECORD OF ACCIDENTS.

PEORIA, Ill., Feb. 19.—A terrific boiler explosion at Barton & Babcock's distillery, below this city, at 8 o'clock last evening, shattered the walls of the building, killed two men, fatally injured two others, and badly burned and scalded three more. John Sill, the fireman, and an unknown man who had just come in to find work, were almost instantly killed. Ben

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—FEB. 19.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 6s N. 91	U. S. 6s C. 101	U. S. 4s C. 101
200,000.....103¼	10,000.....103¼	10,000.....107
10,000.....100	U. S. 6s R. 1907	100,000.....106¼
100,000.....103¼	10,000.....107	U. S. 6s R. 1867
100,000.....103¼	25,000.....b.s.107	5,000.....103¼
100,000.....103¼	50,000.....106¼	10,000.....103¼
3,000.....b.s.104¼		

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2:30 P. M.

U. S. 4s R. 91	U. S. 4s C. 91	U. S. 4s C. 1907
200,000.....106¼	10,000.....103¼	10,000.....107
10,000.....100	U. S. 4s R. 1907	100,000.....106¼
100,000.....103¼	10,000.....107	U. S. 6s R. 1867
100,000.....103¼	25,000.....b.s.107	5,000.....103¼
100,000.....103¼	50,000.....106¼	10,000.....103¼
3,000.....b.s.104¼		

SALES TO S. S. M.

N. Y. L. E. & W.	Pacific Mail.	Ches. & O. 1st pf.
1,000 bd. cancel.	1400.....44	100.....57
50,000.....93¾	1800.....44¼	100.....54¼
N. Y. O. & M. W.	100.....b.r.44	Ohio & Ch. 1st pf.
100 sel. 5 d.....87	100.....44	100.....b.s.110
50,000.....88¼	100.....44¼	C. St. L. & P. C.
50,000.....88	100.....44	100.....b.s.41
50,000.....88	100.....44¼	N. & Texas Coal.
50,000.....87¼	100.....44¼	100.....b.s.24
10,000.....87¼	2300.....43¾	100.....b.s.24
10,000.....86¾	100.....b.60.43¾	100.....b.s.24
10,000.....86¾	100.....43¾	100.....b.s.24
25,000.....86¾	2400.....43¾	100.....b.s.24
N. L. & Iron Mt.	200.....b.s.43	Ind. & Ch. R.
Ark. 6s 1st.	200.....43	100.....43
2,000.....106	500.....43¼	Del. L. & W. 1st.
Mich. S. & N. 1s.	100.....b.s.43	100.....b.s.73
25,000.....98	200.....43¼	100.....73
C. C. & I. C. 1st.	200.....73¾	Del. L. & W. 2d.
2,000 sm. ss. 97	100.....b.60.73¾	100.....b.s.73
50,000.....97	400.....73¾	Lodor. & Hoosac.
St. L. & I. M. 2d.	Lake Shore.	200.....44
7 dys.	100.....b.s.106¾	100.....44¼
5,000.....82¼	2000.....106¾	100.....44¼
4,000.....83	2000.....106¾	Lake Erie & West.
5,000.....83¼	5000.....106¾	200.....24¼
20,000.....83¾	2000.....106¾	100.....24¼
R. L. & M. 1st pf. m	4000.....107	100.....24
200.....94	2000.....107¼	Max. & Chi. 1st pf.
3,000.....94	500.....b.s.107¼	100.....14¾
N. Y. & H. Div. ss.	Union Pacific.	Mich. & Ohio cons.
with cancel. part.	100.....b.s.40¾	400.....98
5,000.....100¾	Central of N. J.	Metropolitan.
Isak. & W. 2d.	100.....53¾	500.....117¼
2,000.....83¼	100.....53¾	200.....117
N. Y. Elevated 1st.	100.....53¾	Manhattan.
2,000.....119¼	100.....53¾	100.....49¾
Tenn. Fac. ins. 1s.	100.....53¾	Northern Pacific.
10,000.....76	100.....53¾	100.....34¾
Ohio Central ins.	200.....54	100.....34¾
20,000.....58	Kansas & Texas.	200.....34¾
N. J. C. income.	100.....44¼	200.....34¾
14,000.....90	200.....44¼	200.....b.s.34
C. & O. cons. int.	100.....44¼	100.....34
10,000.....44¼	100.....44¼	100.....33¾
10,000.....44¼	100.....44¼	100.....33¾
24,000.....44	2500.....44¼	Northern Pac. pf.
L. & O. 1st sm.	500.....44¼	100.....57¼
10,000.....90	1200.....44¼	100.....57¼
2,000.....70¼	1200.....44¼	Nash. C. & S. 1s.
Erie 2d.	1200.....44¼	200.....95
17,000.....108¼	1800.....44¼	Nash. C. & S. 6s.
Metropolitan 1st.	700.....44¼	1000.....94¼
18,000.....102¼	200.....44¼	1700.....94¼
N. Y. C. 1st pf.	100.....44¼	Mich. S. & N. I. 1s.
100.....94¼	100.....44¼	200.....94¼
Cons. Sec. 1st pf.	100.....44¼	200.....94¼
1,000.....94¼	100.....44¼	Mich. S. & N. I. 6s.
Hud. R. 1st pf.	100.....44¼	1000.....94¼
1,000.....95	100.....44¼	1000.....94¼
Erie 1st.	Pacific Mail.	Int. & Gt. N.
5,000.....b.s.97	100.....44	100.....b.s.67
Wells-Fargo Ex.	100.....44	100.....67
25.....93¾	100.....44	100.....67
United States Ex.	100.....44	100.....67
100.....48	100.....44	Ohio & Ind. 1st pf.
Sutro Tunnel.	100.....44	100.....b.s.41
500.....3¾	100.....44	100.....41
1000.....3¾	100.....44	100.....41
50.....4	100.....44	100.....41
Caribou Mining.	100.....44	100.....41
200.....b.s.4	100.....44	100.....41
300.....3¾	100.....44	100.....41
Little Pittsburg.	100.....44	100.....41
100.....2¼	100.....44	100.....41
100.....b.s.22	100.....44	100.....41
500.....21	100.....44	100.....41
100.....21	100.....44	100.....41
500.....23¾	100.....44	100.....41
100.....22¾	100.....44	100.....41
500.....22¾	100.....44	100.....41
50.....20¾	North-western.	100.....41
Chicago Mining.	100.....92¾	100.....41
50.....3¾	300.....92¾	100.....103¾
Cen. Arizona Min.	100.....92¾	100.....103¾
800.....11	100.....92¾	100.....103¾
200.....10¾	400.....92¾	St. L. & I. M. m.
100.....10¾	200.....92¾	100.....s.s.63
200.....10¾	500.....92¾	Erie.
400.....10¾	St. Paul.	500.....82¾
650.....10	400.....s.s.79¾	500.....82¾
Pullman P. Car.	100.....79¾	100.....82¾
100.....119	100.....b.s.79¾	100.....b.s.82¾
Penn. Coal.	100.....79¾	500.....82¾
13.....197	Phila. & Reading.	500.....83¾
Canton.	100.....67¾	400.....83¾
100.....60¾	200.....67¾	500.....83¾
Excelsior Mining.	W. St. L. & Pac.	100.....83¾
150.....21	100.....46¾	200.....83¾
Montauk Gas Coal.	100.....46	1000.....84
500.....50¾	200.....45¾	St. L. & San. Fra.
Del. & Hudson.	100.....45¾	100.....b.s.62
100.....75¾	50.....45¾	St. L. & E. Ex. pf.
Illinois Central.	200.....45¾	100.....58
100.....104¾	200.....45¾	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf.
1700.....104	200.....45¾	100.....b.s.73
100.....103¾	100.....45¾	100.....73
Amer. Dist. Tel.	Wab. St. L. & Pac.	St. Paul & S. C.
100.....71	1200.....71¼	400.....43
400.....71¼	700.....71¼	400.....43
600.....71¾	600.....71¼	900.....42¾
1200.....72	800.....71¼	100.....42
Atlantic & Pacific.	500.....71¼	St. P. & S. C. pf.
100.....49¾	100.....71¼	100.....51¼
200.....50	300.....70¾	Ohio & Miss.
1000.....50¼	400.....70¾	50.....26¾
500.....50¼	Alt. & T. H.	100.....26¾
200.....50	100.....24¼	2000.....26
700.....50¾	Han. & St. Jo.	200.....25¾
1000.....50¾	300.....41¾	600.....25¾
600.....50¾	100.....41¾	25.....25¾
600.....50¾	100.....b.s.41	500.....25¾
300.....51¼	100.....41¾	1000.....26
600.....51¼	650.....41¾	Unio. & Miss.
100.....b.s.51	100.....41¾	200.....77
900.....51¾	Han. & St. Jo. pf.	C. C. & I. C.
300.....51¾	700.....50	50.....21¼
200.....51¾	Western Union.	100.....22
500.....51	100.....72¾	500.....109
900.....52¼	100.....72¾	100.....109¼
100.....b.s.52¾	7100.....72	500.....b.s.109¾
100.....b.s.52¾	700.....72¾	500.....109¾
1000.....52	700.....72¾	300.....109¾
N. Y. C. & Hud.	1500.....73¾	900.....109¾
600.....122¾	400.....73¾	2400.....109¾
100.....122¾	100.....b.s.73¾	2000.....109¾
400.....122¾	700.....73¾	900.....b.s.110
100.....b.s.123	Boston Air L. pf.	900.....109¾
100.....123¾	50.....57	1000.....109¾
200.....123¾	Canada Southern.	Int. & West.
Pittsburg.	100.....b.s.68	100.....41
10.....111¼	50.....67¾	100.....s.s.41
C. C. C. & I.	100.....68¾	Ches. & Ohio.
100.....77¾	Cleve. & Pitts.	100.....b.10.23¾
500.....78	100.....58¾	600.....23¾
Morris & Essex.	100.....58¾	300.....23¾
250.....105	100.....57¾	200.....b.60.23¾
40.....104¾	100.....57¾	Erie.
Reg. & Saratoga.	100.....57¾	100.....b.s.23¾
100.....119	300.....57¾	Central Pacific.
Rome & Watertown.	100.....57¾	100.....23
100.....81	100.....57¾	

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—FEB. 19.

THIRD CALL—2:30 P. M.

Granville.		Calaveras.		Eureka.	
100 b.c.	.30	1000 b.c.	1	100 s.s.	1.8
1500 bc30	.31	500 s.s.	1	Belcher.	
1000 b.c.	.30	1000 b.c.	1	100 b.c.	2.10
1000 bc30	.30	600 bc10	1.05	100 b.c.	2.25
500 b.c.	.31	500 b.c.	1.05	100 s.s.	2.25
500 bc10	.31	500 b.c.	1.05	Bodie.	
500 bc10	.30	Dahlonega.		13 b.c.	9
500 bc10	.30	900 bc	.19	California.	
1000 b.c.	.30	1000 b.c.	.19	100 b.c.	5.60
Gold Flower.		1000 b.c.	.19	Mono.	
500 b.c.	.47	500 b.c.	.18	100 b.c.	1.70
100 b.c.	.47	Gold Hill.		Pacific.	
500 b.c.	.47	200 s.s.	1	100 b.c.	6.50
500 s.s.	.47	200 s.s.	1	Bulwer.	
100 s.s.	.47	200 s.s.	.57	50 b.c.	9
1000 s.s.	.47	500 s.s.	.57	Rappahannock.	
500 s.s.	.48			500 s.s.	.42
2700 s.s.	.48			100 s.s.	.42
				100 s.s.	.42
				500 s.s.	.44
				500 s.s.	.43
				500 s.s.	.43
				500 s.s.	.44
				Buckeye.	
				500 bc30	.57
				Hale & Norcross.	
				1000 bc30	.57
				1000 bc30	.57
				1000 bc30	.59
				1000 bc30	.59
				500 s.s.	.56
				500 s.s.	.56
				500 s.s.	.57
				500 s.s.	.57
				500 s.s.	.57

SHIPPING.

WHITE STAR LINE.
UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
NOTICE.—The steamers of this line take the route recommended by Maury, U. S. N., as the safest for outward passage.
REPUBLIC, Capt. Irwin.....Sat., Feb. 21, 1:00 P. M.
ADRIATIC, Capt. Jameson.....Thurs., Feb. 26, 7 A. M.
GERMANIC, Capt. Kennedy.....Sat., March 6, 1:30 P. M.
From Pier No. 47 North River, foot of Warren-st.
These Steamers are unlikely to stop and unnecessarily incommodate the passengers by detention, the saloons, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships, where the motion and noise are least felt, affording a degree of comfort little more than half made of yore.
Extra-sized beds, $60, $80, and $100; return tickets on favorable terms; steerage, $28.
The steamers carry neither cattle nor sheep, nor sail.
For passage apply at Pier and office, foot of Warren-st., New-York, or at 72 Broadway, Philadelphia, 139 Washington-st., Boston, 116 Washington-st., Chicago, 9 Exchange-st., Buffalo, 107 Jefferson-st., Detroit, 1 Bowling Green, New-York, or at 139 Walnut-st., Philadelphia.
J. C. DRUMMOND, Agent.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.
With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the Steamers of this line take a specified course for all months of the year.
On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.
On the homeward passage crossing the meridian of 50 at 43, or nothing to the north of 43.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL, QUEENSTOWN.
FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.
BOTHNIA.....Wednesday, March 3, 10 A. M.
SCYTHIA.....Wednesday, March 10, 1 P. M.
PARSIA.....Wednesday, March 17, 7 A. M.
ALGERIA.....Wednesday, March 24, 1 P. M.
Cabin passage and return tickets on favorable terms, including a special low rate for Fall and Winter months. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, 4 Bowling Green.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

GUION LINE.
UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS.
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
Leaving Pier No. 38 N. R., foot of King-st.
MONTANA.....TUESDAY, March 2, 3:30 A. M.
WISCONSIN.....TUESDAY, March 9, 8:30 A. M.
ARIZONA.....TUESDAY, March 16, 1 A. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, March 23, 8 P. M.
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, March 30, 5 A. M.
These steamers are built of iron, in water-tight compartments, and are furnished with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, having bath-rooms, smoking-room, drawing-room, library, and piano; also, experienced surgeons, stewardess, and caterer on each steamer. The state-rooms are all upper-deck, thus insuring their greatest of all luxuries at sea—perfect ventilation and light.
CABIN PASSAGE (according to state-room) $80, $90, and $100; INTERMEDIATE, $40; STEERAGE AT LOW RATES. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY.
WILLIAMS & GUION.

INMAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS,
FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
NOTICE.—The steamers of this Line take Liverpool Mail-Steamers of all seasons of the year.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, Feb. 28, 7 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Thursday, March 4, 11:30 A. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, March 13, 7 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, March 20, 12:30 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Thursday, March 25, 3 P. M.
From Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Charlton-st.
Rates, $60, $70, $80, $100. Return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $28. Drafts at lowest rates. Saloons, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms amidships. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep, or pigs.
Nos. 21 and 23 Broadway, New-York.
Philadelphia Office, No. 105 South 4th-st.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.
STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.
WESER.....Sat., Feb. 21 DONAU.....Sat., March 6
EMS.....Sat., Feb. 28 RHEIN.....Sat., March 13
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.
First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....60
Steerage.....30
Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $25. STEERAGE TICKETS TO ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, $30.
OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

STATE LINE,

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.
From pier foot of Canal-st., N. R., as follows:
Steamer STATE OF NEVADA....Thurs., March 4, 12 M.
Steamer STATE OF ALABAMA, Thurs., March 11, 7 A. M.
First cabin, $60 to $75, according to accommodation; excursion tickets, $110 to $130; second cabin, $40; excursion tickets, $75. Steerage, $26.
For freight and passage apply to
AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Gen'l Agents,
No. 72 Broadway, New-York.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY,
Between New-York and Havre.
Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.
Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.
LABRADOR, Sanglier.....Wednesday, March 3, 10 A. M.
LAMORICIERE, Berthelot.....Wednesday, March 17, 4 P. M.
FRANCE, Trudelle.....Wednesday, March 31, 9 A. M.
Checks drawn on Credit Lyonnais of Paris in amounts to suit.
For freight and passage apply to
LOUIS DE BERIAN, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

ANCHOR LINE U. S. MAIL STEAMERS.
NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.
From Pier No. 20 North River, New-York.
Bolivia....Feb. 21, 2 P. M. Ethiopia....March 6, 3 P. M.
Alpha....Feb. 28, 7 A. M. Circassia, March 13, 7 A. M.
Cabin, $60 and $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates. Second Cabin, $35. Steerage, $28.
NEW-YORK TO LONDON DIRECT.
From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charles-st.
Utonia....Feb. 21, 1 P. M. California....Feb. 28, 7 A. M.
Cabin, $55 and $65. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.
Hamburg American Packet Company's Line for PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, AND HAMBURG.
SILESIA....Thurs., Feb. 26 SILESIA....Thurs., March 11
LESSING....Thurs., March 4 SUEVIA....Thurs., March 18
Sailing thence to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg, and all points in the South of England, First Cabin, $100. Second Cabin, $60. Steerage, $26.
KUNTZE BROS., C. H. MORGAN & CO.,
General Agents, General Passenger Agents,
No. 61 Broadway, N. Y. No. 61 Broadway, N. Y.

ROTTERDAM LINE.
Steamers leave Co.'s pier, adj. Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City.
F. GALAND.....Wednesday, Feb. 25
ROTTERDAM.....Wednesday, March 17
W. A. SCHOLTEN.....Wednesday, March 24
1st Cabin, $65-$70. 2d Cabin, $45-$50. Steerage, $26.
E. CAZAUX, General Agent, No. 27 South William-st.
F. RUNCK, EDYE & CO., L. W. MORRIS,
27 S. Wm-st. Freight Agts. 50 B way, Gen. Passage Agt.

RED STAR LINE FOR ANTWERP.
Sailing every week alternately from Philadelphia and Philadelphia within a few days of New-York, the ports of the important points of interest on the Continent.
RHYNLAND, Saturday, March 6, S. P. M.
For rates of passage and other information apply at PETERSON'S FREIGHT AGENCY, 2 Broadway, New-York; Walnut-st., Philadelphia; No. 52 Broadway, New-York.
JOHN McDONALD, Agent, No. 5 Battery-place.

NATIONAL LINE.—FROM NEW PIER, 39 N. R.
FOR LONDON. (Victoria Docks.)
Holland....Sat., March 13, 10 A. M. Italy....Sat., March 20, 3 P. M.
FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
Spain, Wed., Feb. 25, 3 P. M. Helvetia, W., March 3, 10 A. M.
Cabin, $50 to $70, currency. Prepaid steerage tickets, $30 to $30 currency. Chas. Inman, Company's office, 15 and 73 Broadway. F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.
Pier foot of Canal-st., North River.
For SAN FRANCISCO, via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA: Steam-ship CRESCENT CITY....Saturday, Feb. 21, noon
For CONTINENTAL ports, Kanagawa, Nagasaki, and Shanghai, via Yokohama and Hong Kong, and Manila.
From SAN FRANCISCO to JAPAN and CHINA:
Steam-ship CITY OF TOKIO, Saturday, March 20, noon
From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, and NEW-CALEDONIA:
Steam-ship CITY OF SYDNEY, Monday, Mar. 15, noon
For freight or general information apply at company's office on the pier, foot of Canal-st., North River.
For PORTLAND, Oregon, SAN FRANCISCO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, JAPAN, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA, and MEXICAN PORTS.
For tickets or for information in regard to routes apply to No. 22 Passenger Department, No. 207 BROADWAY.
G. T. SEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY,
Passenger Department, No. 207 Broadway.
SPECIAL NOTICE TO PASSENGERS FOR CALIFORNIA.
From and after Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1880, the following passage rates between NEW-YORK and SAN FRANCISCO only will take effect, viz.:
CABIN, $75. STEERAGE, $36.
These rates cover all necessary expenses for the voyage.
For tickets or further information apply to
G. T. SEWALL,
General Passenger Department.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.

From Pier No. 43, North River, (new No. 35,) foot of Albany-st.
At 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.
CITY OF MACON, Capt. Kenyon.....Saturday, Feb. 21
CITY OF COLUMBUS, Capt. Simmons.....Wed., Feb. 25
Connecting with the Central Railroad of Georgia, Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad, Georgia & Florida Inland Steam-boat Company, Outside Line, and with the new and elegant steamer FLORIDA, just built for this company, and designed expressly to run via the INSIDE ROUTE to Jacksonville and all points on the St. John's River.
G. D. OWEN, OSCAR F. SOUTHER,
General Agent S. F. & W. R. R. Central R. R. of Ga.
No. 315 Broadway. No. 409 Broadway.

N. Y. HAVANA AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE
Steamer leaves Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.
FOR HAVANA DIRECT,
AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA.
Sailing to PROGRESO, CAMPECHE, and TEONTERA, CITY OF MERIDA (Merida and Mexico) Sat. Feb. 21
CITY OF NEW-YORK (Havana & Mexico) Sat. March 6
CITY OF WASHINGTON (Havana only) Thu. M'ch 11
These steamers are furnished with swinging berths in state-rooms, small table in dining-room and music by a band. It is merely without extra charge.
Steam-ship City of Mexico will leave N. Orleans March 2, and 30 for Vera Cruz via Sagdad, Tampico, and Tuxpan, and connect with steamers for Havana and New-York.
P. ALELANDES & SONS, Nos. 22 and 24 Broadway.
NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.
These first-class steamships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 2 North River, as follows:
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, Capt. Young.....Sat., Feb. 21
CITY OF VERA CRUZ, Capt. Van Scoy, Wed., March 3
(Accommodations unsurpassed.) For freight or passage apply to WILLIAM P. CLYDE & CO., No. 35 Broadway. LAWTON BROS., Agents in Havana.

CHARLESTON LINE.
FROM PIER NO. 37 NORTH RIVER, at 3 P. M.
GEORGIA, CAPTAIN CARTER.....SATURDAY, Feb. 21
Steamer SOL. W. DYER.....WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25
FLORIDA, THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.
For freight or passage, apply to
JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents, office on the pier, or E. A. HASELL, Gen'l Agent, No. 317 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE
FOR HAVANA DIRECT.
FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.
Passenger accommodations for passengers.
LA GASCONA.....Thursday, Feb. 26
LA NORMANDIE.....Thursday, March 11
REM A. WARD & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

No. 21 Pearl-st.,
New-York, Feb. 11, 1880.

Atchison, Colorado & Pacific R. R.

1ST MORTGAGE BONDS.
This road is an extension of the
CENTRAL BRANCH UNION PACIFIC R. R.,
runs through a rich section of Northern Kansas, and has a large earning capacity.
The bonds are issued at sixteen thousand dollars per mile, have twenty-five years to run; interest 8 per cent. payable February, May, August, and November. Principal and interest guaranteed by Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad Co.
We offer for sale a limited amount at 100 and interest.
Earnings of Central Branch of Union Pacific, including the Atchison, Colorado and Pacific leased line, for 1879:
On 296 miles of road.....$1,000,000
Less operating expenses.....477,862
$522,138
Total charge of interest.....322,960
Surplus.....$199,178

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RED ELEPHANT MINING COMPANY.
Capital Stock, $5,000,000, in 500,000 Shares of $10 each.
NON-ASSESSABLE.
Incorporated under the laws of the State of New-York.
LOCATION OF MINES: RED ELEPHANT MOUNTAIN, CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, COLORADO, the entire drum Georgetown, one-half mile from Lawrence, on the Colorado Central Railroad.
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WILLIAM G. SMITH, No. 21 Broad-st., New-York.
JOHN S. BASSETT, M. D., No. 11 West 21st-st., New-York.
WILLIAM STANLEY, Western Union Telegraph Building, New-York. Messrs. Stanley, Clark & Brown, Connecticut.
J. M. BROWN, No. 7 Wall-st., New-York. Messrs. A. H. Brown & Co., Bankers.
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UNION TRUST COMPANY, New-York.
OFFICES
NO. 33 BROAD-ST., New-York.

THE CENTRAL TRUST COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK.
No. 15 Nassau-st., corner of Pine-st.,
CAPITAL, $1,000,000 in U. S. BONDS,
Allows interest on deposits, returnable on demand, or at specified dates. It is a legal depository for money paid into court. It is authorized to act as Executor, Administrator, Guardian, or in any other position of trust. Also as Registrar or Transfer Agent of Stocks and Bonds, and as Trustee for Railroad Mortgages.
HENRY F. SPAULDING, President.
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DEPOSITS received subject to check at sight, and interest allowed on daily balances.
GOVERNMENT BONDS, STOCKS, and all investment securities bought and sold on commission.
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Buy and sell all American securities upon the London Stock Exchange on the most favorable terms.

OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY RAILROAD COMPANY.
CHICAGO, Jan. 27, 1880.
TO THE STOCKHOLDERS: Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of stockholders of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company in Chicago, Ill., on the 28th day of February, 1880, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of this day, for the purpose of considering and acting upon a proposition to consolidate with it, in a form to be agreed upon, the railroad, stock, property, and franchises of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad Company in Nebraska, and also to consider and act upon a resolution of the board to increase under the provisions of your charter the capital stock of the company to the extent thought necessary for the purpose of such consolidation, and for the transaction of any other business incidental thereto. By order of the Board of Directors.
J. M. FORBES, President.
Proxy can be obtained at the National Bank of Commerce, New-York.
Feb. 12, 1880. Westport, Conn.

GEORGE OPDYKE & CO.,

BANKERS,
EQUITABLE BUILDING, BROADWAY,
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Do a General Banking Business, allow interest on deposits, buy and sell municipal and other investment bonds and all securities dealt in at the Stock Exchange, and make liberal advances on same. WESTERN FARM MORTGAGE securities, yielding 8 and 10 PER CENT. INTEREST, for sale at PAR.

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BEG TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO MAKE ADVANCES
on favorable terms on the following mining stocks, namely: LITTLE PITTSBURG, CHRYSOLITE, LITTLE ONIDA, HURLILL and FREELAND.
No. 64 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.
Feb. 12, 1880.

CLINTON B. FISK & CO.,

BANKERS,
NO. 5 BROAD-ST., EXCHANGE BUILDING,
DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
for cash or on margin, all securities dealt in at the New-York Stock Exchange. Brokers in State, Railway, Municipal, Mining, and miscellaneous stocks and bonds.
AN MISAPPREHENSION EXISTS AS TO the powers of the Reorganization Committee of the New-York and Oswego Midland Railroad Company with reference to the Junior Securities of that road, the committee now notes that, according to the terms of the contract between the first mortgage bondholders and the holders of the Receiver's debt certificates, the time within which the Junior Securities can become parties to the reorganization positively expires on the 21st day of February, 1880. EDWARD M. JORDAN.

THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS TO THE Stock of the LONG & DERBY CONSOLIDATED GOLD AND SILVER MINING COMPANY, Leadville, Col., will be open for 10 days at No. 61 Broadway, Room No. 28; price, $10 per share.

MINING STOCKS BOUGHT AND SOLD daily, in large or small lots, viz: Chrysolite, Little Chief, Little Pittsburg, Kimo, Sun, Silver, Old Gold Boy, Freeland Bull Domingo. HASE & REEBERG, No. 23 Cedar-st.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELERS' CREDITS, AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

ALL STOCKHOLDERS OF THE GERMANIA Petroleum Company fall on or write to JOHN FORDIS, No. 19 Broad-st. Stockholders please bring stock.

GWYNNE & DAY, 45 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, (formerly located in 158-A,) transact a general banking and insurance business in railway stocks, bonds, &c., &c.

FINANCIAL.

DESIRABLE INVESTMENTS.

CITY OF
FORT WAYNE SIXES,
DUE 1900.
ISSUED FOR
WATER WORKS.
CITY OF
BURLINGTON, IOWA, SIXES,
DUE 1895.
ISSUED IN 1870 TO FUND CITY DEBT.
RAILROAD EQUIPMENT CO. SIXES.
FOR SALE BY
CLARK, POST & MARTIN,
NO. 34 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK.

CENTRAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY STOCK OF AMERICAN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
Cairo and St. Louis Railroad Stock.
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Transfer-books will close Feb. 21 and reopen Feb. 26.
DRAKE DEVEY,

MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS

DOCTORS AT DINNER.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

The ninth annual dinner of the Alumni Association of the Medical Department of the University of the City of New-York was the leading affair at Delmonico's last night. Previous to the dinner there was an election of officers for the year 1880, which resulted as follows: President—Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa, Class of 1850; Vice-Presidents—Dr. William A. Hammond, Class of 1848; John B. Dickens, Class of 1842; J. J. Pearson, Class of 1843; J. W. S. Gouley, Class of 1878; W. E. Ford, Class of 1872, and George E. Smith, Class of 1859; Secretary—Dr. F. R. S. Drake, Class of 1871; Treasurer—C. Dixon Varley, Class of 1844. An Executive Committee, composed of the following medical gentlemen, was also elected to serve for the ensuing year: Stephen J. Clark, 1861; F. Le Roy Satterlee, 1868; A. E. MacDonald, 1870; Edward L. Parden, 1870; Andrew Ottesen, 1844; E. A. Wittkamp, 1875; L. Goldenkantzel, 1869; Newton M. Shaffer, 1867; J. H. Hobart Bunge, 1848; H. B. Conrad, 1877; R. A. Murray, 1873; S. D. Carpenter, 1846. On assuming the duties of his office, Dr. Roosa made a brief address, in the course of which he recited the history and aims of the association and gave the leading land-marks of its career. Dr. Roosa said: "This association was founded in the darkest days of the history of the college. Our large and convenient building in Fourteenth-street had been burned. The lectures were given in the north building of the New-York Hospital. The war had cut off half the classes, and a new rival divided those that were left. Alumni associations in medical colleges were few in number and had a sickly growth; yet at this time, Dr. Gurdy, one of our honored Professors, suggested to the speaker that an Alumni association of this college be formed. Half a dozen of us, nearly all of whom are here to-night, met in 1867 and founded that which has grown to be what you see here to-night—a vigorous body, which has done much for medical education, and which hopes to do much more. Besides all this, our organization has stimulated those of other colleges into activity. Our aims are two-fold, the first to preserve accurate records of the graduates. How well this first has been done will be shown by a reference to the second edition of our catalogue. It has just been issued, and contains gentlemen's names to the number of 5,000 graduates. Our second task, the much more important one, does not show such completeness, but it may be said to have been successful. It is in the air that medical education is undergoing reform. The increased number of instructors, the more thorough examinations, the numerous prizes, all show the better character of the students indicate this. But these are changes without support, and may not be maintained. There is still wanting radical and organized reform. We still need the community of our back. There is as yet no interest in medical colleges, at all commensurate with their importance to the State. This is more true of New-York than of Boston or Philadelphia. These medical colleges have the aid of the more influential and wealthier citizens, while here they are kept up almost entirely by their teachers. It is said that one of the reasons for this is that New-York physicians are chiefly carpet-baggers, that we have no social influence as compared with doctors in other cities. This may be true, but are not our lawyers largely represented by carpet-baggers from the New-England and the South, and are not many of our distinguished divines men who have come to us across the sea? These facts do not seem to militate against their influence as representatives of the great City. Have the people of this great City, then, an excuse for our want of influence upon the laity in the fact that we are not all Knickerbockers? Our want of power has been due to our lack of organization and concentration of purpose. Now that we are organized and united, I am sure that we shall ere long find the Peabodys, the Coopers, the Girards, and the Johns Hopkins, who will well equip the institutions from which are to come the men who shall determine and establish the health of this State."

At 7 o'clock the 125 guests of the evening took their places at the tables arranged in the large dining-hall on the second floor. Dr. Roosa presided ex officio, and music, led by Lander, discoursed festal strains from the balcony. There were few decorations, but among the few were portraits of the late Dr. Valentine Mott, the late Dr. Martin Paine, and the late Dr. Charles A. Budd. Among the gentlemen present were Prof. Alfred L. Loomis, Prof. Charles Isaac Pardee, Prof. J. W. S. Arnold, the Rev. Dr. Crosby, Dr. W. H. Thompson, Dr. J. W. S. Gouley, Dr. A. E. Macdonald, Dr. J. W. Wright, Mr. Noah Brooks, Dr. Thomas N. Kner, W. D. Somerville, W. S. Andrews, J. B. Boutes, F. J. Stetson, Judge Spelr, Judge G. P. Hawes, Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Mr. John Foord, Prof. L. A. Stimson, Prof. William A. Hammond, Prof. E. A. Wittkamp, Dr. A. Matthewson, Dr. G. N. McMaster, Dr. Frank Porter, Dr. Henry G. Piffard, Dr. T. H. Burchard, Dr. C. D. Darby, Dr. F. R. S. Drake, Dr. J. H. Burge, Dr. J. H. Anderson, Dr. Washburn, the Hon. A. J. Vanderpoel, Mr. John Taylor Johnston, Prof. Alfred C. Post, Dr. George E. Beardsley, Dr. T. R. Varick, Prof. F. D. Weisse, Dr. A. L. Ranney, and Prof. J. L. Little. It was near 10 o'clock when the toasts became the order of the hour. These were prefaced with a quotation from the "Tempest"—"The hour's now come, the very minute bids thee ope thine ear"—and closed with two lines from "Romeo and Juliet:"

"Good night, good night! parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say good night till it be morrow."

There were in all eight toasts, each with its particular quotation, and the responses, though brief, were necessarily brief. The first, to which the Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., LL. D., responded, was very properly in honor of the University of the City of New-York. The Council of the university formed the topic of the second toast, to which Mr. John E. Parsons responded. George K. Smith, M. D., spoke to the toast of "Our Alumni," and Prof. Alfred L. Loomis to that of "The Medical Department." "The Sister Colleges of the City of New-York" followed next in the natural sequence of things, and to this toast Dr. Fessenden N. Otis of the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Prof. Lewis A. Sayre, of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, made brief responses. The Rev. Charles D'W. Bridgman, D. D., responded for the pulpit, the Hon. William Walter Phelps for the Bar, and Mr. John Foord for the press, which bore the motto: "On a winged word hath hung the destiny of nations."

NATIONAL BASE-BALL ASSOCIATION.

CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING—THE NEW RULES ADOPTED.

The National Base-ball Association concluded its labors yesterday. The first business of the day was the election of M. B. Scanlon, E. J. Garity, and J. Mutrie as a Schedule Committee. The revision of rules of play was then resumed. To the rule with reference to the umpire and his duties the following amendment was made: "Each club entering for the championship of this association shall send to the Secretary, on or before April 1, the names of any persons of good repute and considered competent to act as umpires. A list of all persons so nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary and submitted to each club, which shall then select therefrom a number equal to three times the number of clubs entered for such championship, and shall transmit a list thereof to the Secretary; and the required number having the greatest number of approvals shall constitute the staff of championship umpires." To another section of the same rule an amendment was added, and the entire sentence was made to read thus: "Should the ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, the umpire must call 'dead ball,' and players running bases at the time shall be entitled to the bases they were running for, and the ball be restored as dead until settled in the hands of the pitcher while standing within the lines of his position, and the player at the bat shall vacate the position, and shall not obstruct the catcher when a ball is returned from the field for the purpose of putting out a player at the home plate." In the rule on scoring, the fourth section was amended thus: "In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the total number of bases run during the games, whether upon hits, errors, called balls, or in any other way where he is not put out, but he shall not be credited with a base run where he forces out another player." An additional section was made to the rule for fielding, as follows: "The number of chances offered shall be put in the seventh column. In the eighth column shall also be given of the number of the items." The number of assistances, as three strikes, the number of sacrifice hits, the number of balls called, the number of strikes, the number of foul strike, the number of passed balls." The meeting then adjourned to meet at the Brighton House, at Philadelphia, on the 15th of December next.

A BAND OF YOUTHFUL MUSICIANS.

BROUGHT TO THIS COUNTRY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

A band of youthful Hungarian musicians have for about six months been performing nightly in a Bowery beer saloon. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has sought, hitherto unsuccessfully, to stop the youths from playing in public, holding that they were too young to be employed in the arduous work of blowing musical wind instruments. The society about four months ago obtained the custody of four of the boys under an order of the Supreme Court and sent them back to Hungary. On Wednesday, Mr. E. Fellows Jenkins, Superintendent of this society, returned from Judge Lawrence, in Supreme Court, Chambers, a writ of habeas corpus, directing Martin Weiss and Joseph Weber to produce in court the 14 boys who remain in the band. The petition of Mr. Jenkins stated that the children were illegally deprived of their liberty by Weiss & Weber, who also had wrongfully exhibited them as performers on musical instruments. It declared that they were induced into coming to this City from Germany. They were engaged, as they said their parents understood, to give concerts throughout Europe, on certificates that showed that they had lived in Bremen, Hamburg, and Havre and New-York without previous consent of their parents. Since they have been in this country, they declared, they have not been allowed to go to school nor to church, and they are now anxious to return to their homes, some of them being sick. Although their parents have protested against their detention here, and have asked that they should be sent back to Hungary, Mr. Jenkins declared Weiss & Weber have kept them here in involuntary servitude, withholding from them money to which they are justly entitled, and compelling them to perform in beer saloons to the detriment of their moral and physical welfare. A return to the writ of habeas corpus was made before Judge Lawrence, yesterday morning, when Messrs. Weiss & Weber appeared with 12 of the boys. On motion of Mr. L. L. Delafield, counsel for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and no opposition being made by the counsel for Weiss & Weber, Judge Lawrence signed an order directing those persons to give up the boys and all their instruments and clothing to the society, to be held by it pending the proceedings in court. The case was then adjourned until this afternoon.

THE IRISH FAMINE FUND.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY MATINEES.

The success of the projected matinées on St. Patrick's Day for the enlargement of the Irish Famine Fund will, it is feared, be seriously interfered with by the intended parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other Irish organizations. The managers of the various theatres in the City and Brooklyn, who are always willing to perform generous deeds in the cause of charity, are naturally disgusted at the avowed purpose of the Irish societies to carry out their annual programme of stopping traffic in the streets and preventing theatre-goers from reaching the places of amusement. In response to a call issued by Mr. Lester Wallack, several managers assembled at Wallack's Theatre yesterday to arrange the preliminaries of the benefit to be given on St. Patrick's Day. Those who attended were Lester Wallack, Theodore Moss, John Gannon, of the Theatre Comique; Welsh Edwards, of the Theatre Comique; Mace Edwards, of Abbey's Park Theatre; Col. Sinn, of Brooklyn; Harry Miner, of Miner's Theatre; Mr. Keller, of Parker's Third-Avenue Theatre, and Harry Man, of Haverley's Theatre. Letters from Augustin Daly and Billy Birch, expressive of their desire to co-operate, were received. Mr. Wallack was chosen to preside, and Mr. Mace Edwards was appointed Secretary. In taking the chair Mr. Wallack remarked that he entertained grave doubts of the success of their efforts to carry out the matinée plan, in view of the intention of the Irish societies to parade. "I fear our work will be frustrated," he added, "if these societies persist in blockading the streets. This parade is very much against us."

Col. Sinn suggested that the representatives of the Irish societies be invited to meet the managers, and that, after a full explanation, they might be induced to reconsider their resolution. "I fear it would be useless," said Mr. Wallack, gravely shaking his head; "that portion of the Irish people will have their parade, and they will do all they can against our project."

"Oh, they could not think of giving those hats a rest for two years," facetiously remarked Manager Miner. "They expect a new supply of mud by that time." "If they choose to cut the throat of charity," said Mr. Wallack, a little warmly, "I can't see why we should humble down to their feet." After a heated debate, after further discussion, to request Mr. Dion Boucicault to formally invite the leading representatives of the parade to meet the managers, Col. Sinn called attention to the fact that the feast of St. Patrick would fall on Wednesday this year, and that the giving of special performances would, in consequence, interfere with the regular business of the managers. Speaking for himself, he would willingly donate $300 rather than relinquish the proceeds of the customary matinée. In view of this circumstance, together with the parade nuisance, it was suggested that the benefit performances be given on another day, but no conclusion was arrived at. A letter was received from Miss Mary Anderson's manager to the effect that she would gladly appear as Parthenia on the occasion of the benefit. Another meeting of the managers will be held at 3 P. M. on Tuesday.

A FLOATING FISH-HATCHERY.

TRIAL OF THE FISH-HAWK—THE APPARATUS AND METHODS EMPLOYED.

Yesterday, at Wilmington, Del., a first trial was made of the Fish-hawk, a steamer built by Messrs. Pusey & Jones for the use of the United States Fish Commission. The Fish-hawk is an iron steamer of some 500 tons, 150 feet long, 27 feet beam, with twin screws, and the hull is incased with wood. The steamer will be commanded by Lieut. Tanner, United States Navy, the efficient officer who had the Speedwell in charge last year at Provincetown, when she was in the service of the United States Fish Commission. It should be stated that the idea of a vessel in which fish-hatching could be prosecuted is due to Mr. T. B. Ferguson, of the United States Fish Commission, and Commissioner of the Fisheries of the State of Maryland, who first successfully carried out this plan in the waters of North Carolina and Maryland. It is quite manifest that this method permits not only of great extension in hatching fish, but adds to the facilities of transporting eggs or young fish. The fish can be caught by the men employed in the service, and, once the eggs secured, the hatching can be carried on on shipboard by means of apparatus, where power is wanted, such as for obtaining a constant flow of water, or motion. It is also possible, by means of a steamer to secure eggs in certain rivers or bays, hatch them, and carry them hundreds of miles to other points of delivery or distribution. To accomplish this, and to make room for such special apparatus, there is an open space on the main deck of the Fish-hawk 40 by 27 feet. Here will be placed the conical-shaped vessels, through which will pour continuous streams of water which movement is absolutely necessary when shad eggs are to be matured. Another mechanical device, which is to be put in place, is a system invented by Mr. Ferguson for the same purpose. Cylindrical vessels, with wire bottoms, by means of projecting beams, thrust out from the sides of the vessel, plunge these vessels containing the eggs into the water, and withdraw them by means of a peculiar cam, which movement will be given by machinery. An agitation is necessary for shad eggs, with change of water, and as these eggs are heavier than water, the vessels containing them are lifted slowly, so as not to break the tender eggs, and plunged again into the water more suddenly. The same method will be tried with the eggs of the cod, only as these eggs are lighter, and they require to be buoyed up, the reverse movement will be employed. The Fish-hawk will be roomy enough to carry some 20 officers and hands, with additional space for such complement of men as may be requisite for securing spawning fish. This vessel was contracted for in June last for $45,000. With the present augmentation in the price of material, she would certainly cost to-day some 50 per cent more. The Fish-hawk, equipped as she is for this special work, marks the most notable advance that has yet been made in practical fish culture, and, no doubt, her plan of construction and methods employed in hatching fish, looking toward the production of fish-food in the future, will be copied by other countries. The vessel is amply provided with lifting engines, as no small part of her duty will be to work dredging apparatus.

RANKIN POST, NO. 10, G. A. R.

The Committee on Entertainments for the benefit of the Relief Fund of Rankin Post, No. 10, G. A. R., announce that the first concert of the season, will take place on Wednesday evening the 25th inst., at the North Reformed Church, Clermont-avenue, opposite the Twenty-third Regiment Armory, Brooklyn. The proceeds of the concert will go to the fund, which is now exhausted, while the calls for relief are urgent and frequent. The committee have secured the services of the the following favorite artists: Mrs. S. S. Tuthill, soprano; Mr. John Evans, tenor; Miss Emilie Boyle, pianist; Dr. James L. Farley, elocutionist; Mrs. C. P. Furey, alto; Mr. J. A. Furey, baritone; Dr. S. S. Tuthill, violinist; J. M. Loretz, Jr., organist. In view of the objects for which the entertainment is given, and the good work done by the managers of the relief fund, the committee hope that the support of the people of Brooklyn will be given as generously as it has been in the past.

SUIT TO RECOVER DUTIES.

The suit of the United States against W. Cunningham & Brothers, a New-York and Philadelphia firm engaged in the Mexican and West India trade, was on trial yesterday, in the United States District Court, before Judge Choate and a jury. The action is brought to recover $1,200, being the amount of duties claimed on a quantity of Vanilla beans, alleged to have been smuggled into this port at the instigation of the defendants, in December, 1871. The defendants deny the allegations absolutely. The case will be concluded to-day. Assistant United States Attorney Platt appears for the Government and Wheeler & Souther for the defense.

PRESIDENT TYLER'S GRAND-NIECE.

A very humble funeral cortège, consisting of a hearse and a few hired coaches, started yesterday from a dilapidated tenement-house, at No. 78 Hudson-avenue, Brooklyn. A rude coffin had just been carried down the rickety stairway from a miserably cheerless room, and placed in the hearse. The coffin contained all that was mortal of Jennie Herndon Tyler, grand-niece of the late President Tyler and daughter of Col. W. W. Tyler. At one time Miss Tyler was a fashionable belle in Washington society. She became acquainted at the national capital with a man named Jennings, and he, it is said, deceived her by a mock marriage and robbed her of her property. Jennings left a little time deserted her, and she was disowned by her family. In 1875 she married William Collins, a laborer in the Brooklyn Gas Company's works, and lived with him until her death, which occurred last Monday. On the coffin-lid her name was laid down as 25, but it is known that she was born in Richmond, Va., in 1843. Mr. Collins had not enough money to bury his wife, but he received $25 for that purpose from her brother-in-law, Mr. Murphy, who is a wealthy man. On receiving the news of his daughter's death, Col. Tyler wrote from Harrisburg, Penn., a letter of condolence to Mr. Collins, and expressed much regret that his wife's illness would prevent his presence at the funeral. The remains were interred in the Cemetery of the Holy Cross.

WHAT SCIENCE HAS DONE.

THE REV. DR. POTTER'S LECTURE ON THE RELATIONS OF SCIENCE TO MODERN LIFE.

The first of the second series of lectures for 1879-80, before the New-York Academy of Sciences, was delivered in Chickering Hall last evening by the Rev. Dr. Henry C. Potter, whose subject was "The Relations of Science to Modern Life." A large audience of ladies and gentlemen filled the body of the hall. Dr. Potter was introduced by Prof. J. S. Newberry. The Doctor began by giving a short historical sketch of the Academy of Sciences. It has, he said, sturdy roots running down into an honorable past, and for more than a generation past it has been devoted to the pursuit of science. In 1818 was incorporated the society known as the "Lyceum of Natural History." Its incorporation was largely due to Prof. John Torrey, an untiring student of science, who had the rare gift of being able to impart his knowledge to others, and who gathered about him many young men, who, through his influence, became permanently interested in scientific studies. Out of the Lyceum of Natural History grew the present Academy of Sciences, which, in the former's heir and successor, Dr. Potter then turned to his subject proper, and spoke particularly of the debt modern life owes to science and scientific students in the three matters of travel, art, and health. The ocean steam-ship served as an example of scientific progress in ways of traveling. Once, he who had dared to speak of an iron ship would have been derided as a visionary. Now, science has enabled men to build enormous vessels of iron from hull to masts. Not very long ago the proposition to reduce the time of a voyage across the ocean to 15 days was greeted with the utmost disdain, but now the most conservative and careful companion make the trip in a little more than seven days. The lecturer took his listeners on an imaginary tour through a steam-ship, and showed how science had some into use in every particle of machinery, as well as in every portion of the vessel's structure. No ingenuity, he said, could be of any use without the application of scientific knowledge. It is in mind that creates machinery—not merely capital, enterprise, and ingenuity—and when we see a steam-ship we must go back for its cause to the boyish curiosity of James Watt. Scientific study alone has surmounted all the vast difficulties since then, and from keel to topmast an adequate and thorough scientific knowledge has been applied. This was equally true of railroads, bridges, carriages, &c., in all their details. Art, he was vastly indebted to science. It could build a theatre or compose a symphony without science. Colors have their mathematical laws, and painting has no merit unless the drawings are in proportion. The photograph is the result of scientific research, and we have it because the studies and researches of scientific men have widened and deepened our knowledge. Extended reference was made to the incalculable usefulness of the art of photography to modern advancement, and then Dr. Potter showed the great benefits to the health of humanity which have resulted from the discoveries made in medical science. People live longer than they did 50 or 75 years ago. The average length of human life has been increased from 30 to 40 years. Fewer infants die now than a generation ago, and this was due to the fact that science has taught us how to build, ventilate, and, above all, drain our houses; how to nourish our bodies and our brains, and how to take care of our eyes, lungs, and all other parts of the body. Dr. Potter then spoke at length of the labors of scientific men who are engaged in the work of their state. He closed with an earnest appeal to the merchant princes and moneyed men of the community to aid and support the great work of scientific study by helping those who have devoted their lives to science.

THE OTTNER INQUEST.

SUSPICIOUS LINES IN WHICH IT IS RUNNING—A JUROR'S REMARK.

The inquest in the case of Maria Ottner, the Blackwell's Island lunatic, was continued yesterday by Coroner Ellinger. Dr. W. W. Strew, ex-Resident Physician of the Lunatic Asylum, after describing what, in his opinion, was the proper treatment of insane persons, said that when he took charge of the institution it was in an unsettled and almost chaotic condition, and there was much overcrowding. The clerical work was done very loosely, the records being very badly kept. There were four physicians and 1,200 patients. There were neither rules, regulations, restraint, nor uniforms for the nurses. Dr. Strew tried to remedy this condition of things. He spoke frequently to the Commissioners, and made voluminous and suggestive reports. Comprehensive instructions were given to the Commissioners. The rate of mortality was decreased while he was in charge of the institution, and since his removal it has increased 50 per cent. The assistant physicians were examined by the board and appointed by the Commissioners. In some cases the witness was consulted about the appointments. Dr. Silver was Resident Physician when he was consulted when nurses were appointed. There is a better class of nurses now in the asylum than when he took charge. Witness did not resign and was not removed. About October, 1879, Commissioner Brennan came to the Island and asked witness to resign. He was instigated by an advisory board, selected by Dr. Macdonald and Commissioner Brennan, for the purpose of ousting Dr. Strew and putting Dr. Macdonald in. The advisory board never put their foot on the Island before they advised witness's removal, and never examined the institutions at all, but their reports were made up from what they heard. The advisory board afterward went on the Island, asked for a private room and examined witnesses in witness's absence. Witness was consulted about the formation of an advisory board, and thought well of it, but it turned out to be a conspiracy against himself. When asked to resign, Dr. Strew inquired the reason, and was told that it was a political matter and their heads would have to come off if his did not. They (the Commissioners) refused to give any reason, and witness refused to resign, so they abolished his office. Witness will continue his testimony on Monday. At the adjournment a juror, G. L. Cross, of No. 812 Third-avenue, said: "I bet you a hundred dollars to a cent that I don't come here on Monday, the whole investigation amounts to wire-pulling for political dums."

THE MILK-DEALERS.

A large number of milk-dealers met with members of the New-York Milk Exchange at Central Hall, No. 147 West Thirty-second-street, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of furthering the interests of milk-dealers, producers, and consumers. Mr. H. Y. Canfield, President of the Exchange, called the meeting to order and stated its object. He then called for an expression of views upon the subject of the producers' organization, upon the License bill recently introduced into the State Senate by Mr. Astor, and upon the subject of raising the standard of milk supplied in this City. Dr. Heath, President of the Cooper Institute Farmers' Club, favored the License law. He thought it would result in giving the consumer a much better quality of milk than was at present sold. Remarks were made by Messrs. Klimer, Allison, Byerson, Jackson, the latter representing the Erie Railroad, and others, all of whom were in favor of raising the quality of the milk supplied to consumers. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we call upon the farmers and all good citizens to support the bill now before the State Legislature which has for its object the prevention of impure and unhealthy milk from being marketed in this City.

A committee consisting of Mr. H. Y. Canfield, of this City, and Mr. N. B. Killmer, of Brooklyn, was appointed, and instructed to proceed to Albany, to appear before the Senate Committee on Cities and explain the bill. A large number of dealers offered their names for membership in the Exchange, after which the meeting adjourned.

DAMAGES AGAINST A GAS COMPANY.

The house of Mr. George Leeds, No. 119 East Fifty-fourth-street, was filled with the stench of escaping gas on the evening of Aug. 3, 1878. Mr. Leeds could not find the leak in the gas-pipes. Having explored the cellar, he took a lighted candle into a vault under the sidewalk. An explosion of gas occurred immediately, and Mr. Leeds, who is about 70 years old, was thrown down, burned, and otherwise severely hurt. He was confined to his room for several weeks, and his physician says he will never fully recover. He brought a suit against the Gas-light Company for $10,000 damages. The case was tried yesterday before Judge Van Brunt and a jury, in the Supreme Court, Circuit. The defense was that the gas was allowed to escape through the fact that the earth was not packed tightly around the main after it had been removed by laborers who had to repair a water-main near it. It was also set up in the answer that the plaintiff was guilty of contributory negligence in carrying a naked light into a place in which he had reason to suspect gas was escaping. In charging the jury, Judge Van Brunt declared that the first ground of the defense was not sustained, and that it was a question for the jury to decide whether Mr. Leeds acted with ordinary prudence in carrying a light while he was searching for a leak in a gas-pipe. The jury returned a verdict giving Mr. Leeds $7,500 damages.

THE GROCERS' BANK WINS A SUIT.

The Grocers' Bank, whose affairs are now in process of liquidation, sued Richard G. Murphy and Thomas Murphy, in 1877, to recover the amount of a promissory note for $30,000, made by the first-named defendant and given to the second-named defendant, who indorsed it and passed it over to the bank. In his answer to the complaint, Richard G. Murphy denied that he was liable, saying he had made the note merely for the accommodation of Thomas Murphy, who had given it to the bank as additional security for a debt owed by him, which was already amply secured by collateral. Murphy said, also, that the bank retained the collateral, and he pleaded that the bonds and mortgages of which it consisted should be sold, and the note satisfied out of the proceeds of the sale. On these grounds, he asked for a dismissal of the action. Thomas Murphy made no answer, and a judgment by default was rendered against him in May, 1877. On the report of a Referee, a judgment for $37,929 16 was yesterday entered in the Court of Common Pleas in favor of the Grocers' Bank, and against Richard G. Murphy.

CHARLES A. BYRNE IN COURT.

CHARGED WITH ABANDONMENT BY HIS FIRST WIFE.

Mr. Charles A. Byrne, who was before Justice Duffy on Saturday last to answer a charge of bigamy preferred by Mrs. Laura E. Byrne, formerly Mrs. Timlen, appeared before Justice Otterbourg, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, to answer a complaint of abandonment preferred by the same complainant. In her affidavit the complainant alleges that she is the lawful wife of Byrne, that she has been married to him for six years, and that he has abandoned her, and has since failed and refused to support her. When the case was called Byrne appeared in company with his counsel, Mr. C. W. Brooks. Mrs. Byrne, who was accompanied by two lady friends, was represented by Mr. John D. Townsend. Mr. Brooks, on behalf of the defendant, asked for an adjournment for two weeks, owing to the absence of witnesses who were at a distance, and who could not readily appear in less time. Mr. Townsend said he had no objection to the adjournment provided there was some provision made for the support of the complainant in the meantime. Justice Otterbourg was about to make an order directing Byrne to pay a certain sum for the support of the complainant when Mr. Brooks interposed an objection, and said the defense would be prepared to prove most clearly and emphatically that the complainant had no claim upon the defendant as his wife, and that, therefore, he could not consent to any proceeding that would in any shape recognize such a claim.

Justice Otterbourg said as that was the nature of the defense it would be as well for him not to issue such an order, but he would suggest that a certain sum to be agreed upon might be paid into court to abide the result, without prejudice to the rights of the defendant in the case. Mr. Brooks said he could not assent to any proposition that would put his client in the position of recognizing in any way the status of the complainant as his wife, but he would assent to the suggestion of the court with the distinct understanding that his client did not by that act assume any responsibility for the support of the complainant. Mr. Townsend appeared anxious for the examination to go on, and Justice Otterbourg said that unless some arrangement of the nature suggested by him was made he would set down the examination for Tuesday next. Mr. Brooks said that that would not give the defendant time enough to bring their witnesses, who were at a great distance. "Oh!" remarked Mr. Townsend, "you may bunc the world over, but you can't find any Timlan. There was but one, and I have her safe." After some more further discussion, the suggestion of Justice Otterbourg was accepted by both sides, and Mr. Brooks, on behalf of his client, paid over to the magistrate $20, being at the rate of $10 per week for the two weeks' adjournment asked for by the defense. The examination then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. on the 4th prox.

THE OLD STORY.

A DRUNKEN HUSBAND AND STARVING WIFE AND CHILDREN.

Yesterday morning a peculiarly worded and misspelled missive was received at the office of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, requesting that an officer be sent to No. 331 East Thirty-second-street, between First and Second avenues, where there were "a few children in need." Officer Chiardi was instructed to inquire into the case, and on going to the place indicated, he found "the children" referred to. The family was that of Thomas Maloney, a brass-molder by occupation, who, when he chooses to work, can earn $3 per day, but whose chief occupation seems to be drunkenness. His wife was starving, and his four children, ranging in age from 8 months to 11 years, were in the same condition. They had neither food nor clothing. According to the statement of the wife, they had been dispossessed on several occasions lately, and last November Maloney had been sent to the Island for a month for drunkenness. Last Saturday he purchased a pair of shoes for each of his three boys, but yesterday morning he had pawned them and spent the money in drink. When Officer Chiardi arrived at the house, the drunken man was sending out to pawn the few articles of clothing and furniture which remained in the place. On Wednesday night, in a fit of drunken fury, he had assaulted with a razor a Mr. Meyer, who lived in the house, and had also made an assault on his sister, who, in defending herself from his fury, had cut him slightly on the left hand with a knife. Maloney was arrested when Officer Chiardi found the state he was in, and Officer Malloy, of the Twenty-first Precinct, gave the wife $1 50 to redeem the children's shoes from pawn, so that they could come to court. Justice Wandell committed Maloney to the Island for six months, and, until his release, the society will provide for the wife and children.

SALE OF PAINTINGS.

CONCLUSION OF THE SALE OF THE BAKER COLLECTION.

The remainder of the paintings belonging to the estate of the late Anson Baker were sold last evening at Leavitt's Art Gallery. The first picture put up was "Morning Needlework," by Edward Gelil, of New-York. Fifty dollars was offered, and the bids advanced briskly until $130 was reached, when the competition dragged along wearily until the picture was knocked down at $160. For some time after the bidding was very slow, and a number of paintings were sold at low prices, until a strong landscape with cattle, by Henri Savary, of Paris, was reached. Fifty dollars was first offered, then $80, $100, $130, $160, $180, were called out in quick succession, and then the bids rose by tens and fives, and the painting was sold for $230. One hundred paintings were sold during the evening, and of these the following obtained the highest prices:

Artist.	Painting.	Price.
Kaemmerer, F.	Guarding her Pets	$230
Savary, H.	Landscape and Cattle	230
Van Hammen	Interior with Figures	210
Samson, J.	Breakfast at the Conservatory	200
Kuwasseg (pere)	Dog's Hole, Coast of France	195
Verboeckhoven, E. and De Vogel	Sheep and Landscape	188
Gelil, E.	Morning Needlework	160
Richards, W. T.	Coast View, Newport	145
De Haas, W. F.	On Conception Bay, Newfoundland	132
Lockwood, R.	New Life	105
Kuwasseg, C. fils	Spa—two pictures—each at	95
Van Severdonck	Sheep	90
Unknown	Italian Festival	83
Jackels	The Grape Gatherer	81
Beard, W. H.	Exchange of Exhibits	80
Bentzoni	The Confessional	80
Autrey	Children at Play	80
Kimsia, H. M.	Good Morning	79
Tonalini, L.	Shoe-maker's Apprentice	70
Tait, A. F.	The Surprise	65

TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENT DINNER.

The annual dinner of the Veteran Corps of the Twenty-second Infantry, National Guard State of New-York, took place at the Metropolitan Hotel last evening. There was a goodly number of guests and members of the organization present. Col. George W. Laird of the Twenty-second Infantry, presided. On his left sat Col. Josiah Porter and Major Horsfall, and on his right sat Col. Joseph Congdon, Mr. William Courtney, and Lieut.-Col. Camp. Letters of regret were read from Gen. Alexander Shaler, the Hon. David W. Judd, Capt. William O. Rogers, formerly Commissary of the regiment, and others. Among those present were Gen. George W. Wingate of rifle practice fame; Gen. Anson G. McCook, Mr. E. C. Jones, Mr. R. Pearsall, and Lieut.-Col. Kent. To the first toast of the evening, "Our Old Regiment," Col. Josiah Porter responded. "Our Harper's Ferry Campaign" brought to their feet two gentlemen filled with reminiscences of the valor of the regiment—Private R. Pearsall, of "B" Company, and Major Horsfall. Mr. Pearsall gave a graphic description of the first shedding of blood by the regiment in that memorable campaign. "Our National Guard" was to have been responded to by Gen. Alexander Shaler. In his absence Major Horsfall took the floor, and spoke of the gallant service of the Guard. Col. Joseph Congdon responded to the toast "Riot Duty." Col. George W. Laird made a hearty response to "Our Veteran Corps," and Gen. George W. Wingate expressed his appreciation of the services of "The Privates of the National Guard." "The Soldiers of the War" brought out Gen. Anson G. McCook with a few pathetic words. Then followed a series of toasts, which protracted the entertainment to a late hour. A very pleasant feature of the evening were the songs of Mr. William Courtney, the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church, and Mr. E. C. Jones, the baritone.

WHY HE KILLED HIMSELF.

Gottfried Buchinger, a saxagenarian wife-beater, committed suicide by hanging yesterday at No. 407 West Forty-first-street, while under fear of arrest under a warrant obtained by his wife. Buchinger was born in Ritterbach, Grand Duchy of Baden, and came to this City 30 years ago. About 15 years ago he began to drink hard, and since then his treatment of his wife was brutal. On Monday he beat her so badly that she fled. Wednesday Justice Otterbourg granted a warrant for his arrest. He knew it was issued, and he frequently declared he would never live to be arrested. At 11 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Buchinger went with Officer Murray and Morse to serve the warrant, and found the door of Buchinger's room closed. An officer entered through a window and found Buchinger dead. He had hanged himself with a rope to a nail driven in the door. Coroner Knox took charge of the case.

MR. EDWARD A. EVERETT'S WATCH.

Mr. Edward A. Everett, a leather merchant, residing at No. 64 Clark-street, Brooklyn, appeared in the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, as complainant against Mary Sullivan and Minnie Clark, two women of bad reputation, whom he accused of having stolen from him a gold watch and chain valued at $375. Mr. Everett admitted having been in their company, and that he had given one of the women the chain to pawn for money, but he denied having given Conor the watch. The magistrate adjourned the case until to-day, to give the prisoners an opportunity to produce witnesses.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

The annual ball of the Manhattan Turtle Club will take place at Irving Hall Tuesday evening.

The contracts for the completion of the Western extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio Road have all been awarded.

Among those admitted to membership in the Produce Exchange yesterday was Mr. Franklin Edson, Jr., the son of the ex-President of the Exchange.

A handsomely-framed portrait of Gov. Cornell has been added to the embellishments of the rooms of the Commissioners of Emigration at Castle Garden.

Yesterday, two men who carried black bags broke open one of the Irish relief fund contribution-boxes, at the Desbrosses-Street Ferry, and stole the contents.

Prof. Augustus R. Grote, of the Museum at Buffalo, will deliver a lecture on "Science, Morals, and Religion" before the Liberal Club, No. 141 Eighth-street, to-night.

Andrew Oliver, an elderly Scotchman, was tried and acquitted, in the General Sessions Court, yesterday, on a charge of robbing the fancy goods store of Samuel Knox, No. 74 West-street.

Yesterday, the Police of the Thirteenth Precinct, by general alarm, notified the public to be ware of a swarthy man, about 27 years old, who is passing bills of the defunct Mechanics' Bank of Montreal.

The Seventh Regiment Literary, Musical, and Dramatic Association is to have an entertainment in the Academy of Music Saturday evening, April 10. Tickets will be issued at the Board of Officers' room to-morrow evening.

While James Asking, No. 241 East Thirtieth-street, was at work, yesterday afternoon, on a scaffold, pasting the shutters on the fourth floor of No. 70 Duane-street, he missed his footing, and, falling to the pavement, was instantly killed.

The examination in the Overin abandonment case, which has been before Justice Otterbourg, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, for several weeks past, was concluded yesterday. The magistrate will give his decision in the case on Saturday.

Winter wheat advanced yesterday ½ to 1 cent, but closed weaker, with less doing. Corn advanced ¼ to ½ cent, and also closed easier. Oats opened firmer and closed weaker. Rye and freights were steady but quiet. Provisions were higher and active.

The Teachers' Association is to have an English glee and ballad concert in Steinway Hall, Monday, at 2 P. M. Miss Henrietta Beebe, Mrs. Anna Buckley Hills, Messrs. A. D. Woodruff, George Ellard, W. C. Baird, and G. E. Alken will supply vocal music, accompanied on the piano by Mr. C. Florio.

A mass-meeting of German Republicans will take place in Cooper Institute Monday evening, to protest against the third term and the adoption of the "unit rule" in the Utica Convention. Frederick Hecker, Frederick Hassaurek, of Cincinnati, and other German and English speakers will deliver addresses.

John Casey, although only 19 years of age, has already served two terms in prison. He was arraigned